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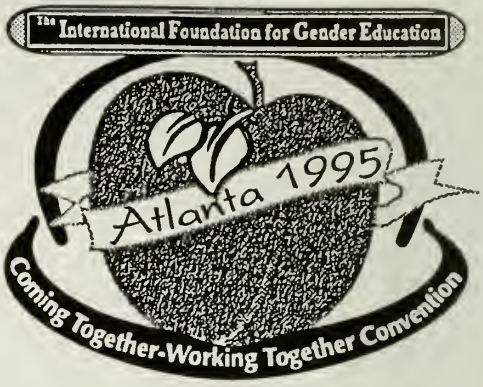

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First, a little business. We have gone big time here in River City, folks. All, which is to say every, picture is now done by computer magic, inputted through the scanner at mega-dpi, and given to the printer, like the rest of the magazine, on disk. No more paste-up. All the cutting and fitting is now done on the computer screen. This means we need original photographs for all half-tones, black and white or color. Those of you whose Personal Listing photo either is not the photo you wanted, or the photo that is there looks less good than the others, it is because we did not have an original to scan in. We either scanned in whatever we could find, or used a half-tone from a previous issue. If there is a bullet at the beginning of your listing, get us a new photograph fast. The deadline for Personal Listings in issue #72 is April 1, 1995. While you're at it, shoot a picture that shows off your best features. Do it with a simple contrasting background. Wear clothes and hair that will set you off from the background, not make you disappear into it. Look through the Listings and pick out the shots that work. Notice that all you see is the person, because there is nothing else in the picture, no furniture, no pictures on the wall, books, kitchen appliances... Then send us your new, wonderful picture, and please send us a copy we can keep so when there is a glitch in the software, we can scan in the original again instead of pasting in a copy of the copy that went in before. Right now is a chance to make a serious improvement in your Personal Listing. Do it!

The thread through this issue is being out and about. It is fitting that the articles are bracketed by one on choosing what we call ourselves, and another on coming out to and living our lives with those we live our lives with; picking the most important words and then using them with the most important people. Martine Rothblatt gets a lot of column inches because she is not all right, or all wrong, but is willing to risk saying what she believes, and carrying those beliefs into her daily life. Francis Vavra is in here because he makes us smell the coffee. What is this, a crossdressing woman! Yes, somebody just like the rest of us, who keeps forgetting to remember what we knew so long ago. Cheryl Costa's talk radio is about as out as you can get. Outrageous? Weird? What's wrong with doing what you have to do in order to live your life? Luciana Whipple gives us another take on what it is, how it is. She reminds us that it is. This is not a figment of your imagination. You really are the way you are. I really am the way I am. And everybody else ditto. Now what? Time for change. We can take a page from Eve Burchert's book and go out to explain to the world that it's no big deal. Or from Kimberly Westwood's and try something and be delightedly surprised when (not if) it works. Or perhaps take a little from everyone in this issue and make a little room for ourselves in our lives.

Be All is an old event. It's been around for a long time, and so have a lot of the folks who go to it. Fall Harvest is only in its third year, partly due to the youth of MAGGIE. Some of the people and groups that do it have been here since before Be All. Christmas on Cape Cod is a very new event by a new group. But all three of these events are people getting together and treating each other like human beings in spite of and because of our single and collective outrageous weirdness. Funny how the hotel staffs and shopkeepers seem to go with the flow. Somehow they start acting as if we are human beings, too. Events are also a lot of fun people having fun. Go ahead and give it a try. The worst that can happen is you'll have a good time. You also might look yourself in the eye and take ownership of who you are. That's certainly weirdly outrageous!

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IFGE's "Financial Dilemma"

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Every newsletter published in the transgender community comes across my desk, and I read every one of them. I do this for many reasons, looking for corrections to our reference directories, to keep informed, and to look for food for thought. Perhaps the most important reason is, newsletters serve as a barometer for our community. They let me know how they feel, what they understand, and what they do not. They let me know what people think, and right now it is clear people think IFGE is in trouble.

In newsletter after newsletter I've read about IFGE's financial difficulties, and IFGE's imminent demise. Just last week I picked up CAF's *CrossTalk* newsletter, and was surprised to see myself quoted as saying, "I'm afraid they're coming to shut the lights off today!" Good heavens! I never said it. Yvonne, our Director of Operations might have said it, but I didn't. Our electric bills run more than $700 a month, and if we fall behind a month or two, our bill can look pretty scary. What alarmed me, though, was a respected newsletter, read throughout North America and possibly Europe, giving the impression IFGE was about to close its doors. It's true, IFGE is facing a financial problem, but we are not about to close our doors. I would like to share with you the nature of that problem in an open and honest way.

As you may know, IFGE has a large, beautiful (and expensive) facility. The facility not only serves as IFGE's headquarters, it also houses our operations, publications, offices, archives, and meeting space. Perhaps most important, it serves as a showcase for the transgender community with a walk-in center, an extensive reading library, and a place for every organization to present its services to the public. People from all over the world visit IFGE's facility. It's difficult to underestimate the value of such a place.

When we first moved into this Taj Mahal (tiny exaggeration), we depended on a few major contributors to financially support the move. The idea was once we were rolling we could broaden our donor base, and the major contributors, having helped bring IFGE to life, could then retire. Well, the major contributors have retired, and we've greatly expanded our donor base. However, the income from that base is not yet enough to make up for the loss of our major contributors. That puts us in a real financial bind. It's not unexpected, and it's not enough to close us down, but it is enough to create serious financial difficulties.

IFGE is in transition. It is in transition from relying on large donations from a few people to smaller donations from lots of people. That's a big and precarious transition. As risky and scary as it may be, such a transition is necessary for growth, we cannot be afraid to take the risk.

Besides the facility, we have major expenses that other transgender organizations don't have. We have four full-time and three part-time employees, not to mention an assortment of consultants (CPA's, other part-timers, etc.), for an annual payroll in excess of $150,000. That's more than the gross income generated by the *Tapestry*. In addition, the cost of publishing the *Tapestry* alone exceeds $100,000 (not counting labor). Income from the *Tapestry* barely covers *Tapestry* expenses, so the journal is not able to support much of anything else. Then the frosting on our liability cake is a building that costs us over $50,000. The net income from everything we sell doesn't come close to covering these three basic expenses, and we haven't even started talking about all the other things IFGE does (education, outreach, conferences, grants, etc.). So, where does the money come from? It must come from donors.

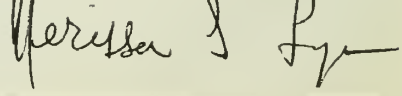
In addition to our basic financial problems, we have a dilemma when it comes to donors. We're wary about who become donors. We are reluctant to ask for public funding (unless we can find funding with no strings attached). (We're big girls and boys now, and able to separate realistic hope from fantasy.) Also, we are reluctant to cling to big contributors. We have no wish to put IFGE's fate into the hands of just a few people with money. It's dangerous. We must be the architects of our future, and not become dependent on, or vulnerable to the whim of some agency or individual who could kill us with a budget cut. This attitude is not just a matter of pride. We, as an organization and as a community, must be in control of our own fate, and the creators of our own history.

What I'm saying is, with a $400,000 (and growing) nut to crack every year, IFGE will always have a financial problem, and will always need the participation and support of good people like yourself. After all, you are also among the architects of our future. So, whether it's on the international or the local level, we are all on the same path and embroiled in the same financial dilemma. It's going to be an ongoing thing from now until forever, and we are all part of it.

No, IFGE is not going to close its doors. However, IFGE will always be needing and counting on you for your financial support. Your support is what keeps IFGE's doors open, and enables us to grow.

My love to you all,

Merissa Sherrill Lynn
Founding Director, IFGE



No One Said It Was Easy Or Free

by Sharon Emek,
Ed.D., Chair, Fund Raising Committee

Do you ever think back to how it was before you found out about this flourishing community of transgendered humans where one can find acceptance, understanding, love, help, and so on? I'm sure you do. I'm sure you have your stories about being deeply isolated from all humanity, that no one else shared your feelings, that if you were found out you'd lose everything. Everyone in the community has their stories about isolation, a secret life where you didn't dare let anyone enter, a fear of being found out, a fear of total rejection—a story of hopelessness; and way back when you were a child, a teenager, or even a young adult, you thought you were unique—perhaps a freak—that no one else was like you, and there was no one out there who could understand you.

In fact, during your daily life you probably experience many of those same feelings, but in your heart you're freer because you have close friends who are just like you, friends you've made as a result of finding out about the community. Most likely you got lucky and found out about IFGE. You secretly called IFGE and spoke to someone who understood all about you. You found a little hope in a world full of anguish, fear, and guilt.

For many people in our community, IFGE has been their entry into self-discovery, acceptance, joy, and friendships. IFGE has been a place to find help, a place to learn about oneself and the community, a resource center, a safe harbor.

During the last fund raising campaign, as the Fund Raising Committee Chair, I received numerous letters from people throughout the community telling me how grateful they were for IFGE. I'd like to share some of these with you:

> I believe in your dedicated work, and I am very happy to hear of your successes. Too bad there are not more when it comes to those living a hopeless existence.
>
> My goal is to live where transvestites and transsexuals, even those who don't pass, are not treated like freaks by little people with all kinds of pathetic problems. IFGE is helping this goal little by little.
>
> I've been living a very tormented life all these years. When I go out, I'm a man. When I'm home, I put on my dress and heels and become a woman. I now know there are others like me.
>
> God bless your efforts. I now lead a full, rich life. Finding out about IFGE was my salvation.
>
> I would like to say that I think IFGE is a great organization. Thank you for keeping me informed.

But a place like IFGE can't exist without your financial support. Of course IFGE has had and continues to have growing pains, ego problems, political problems, vision problems, staff problems, etc., just like all relatively young non-profit organizations that began with a person's vision, no money, and no professional organizational plan. In the past year, IFGE's Board has been isolating the problems and actively working on alleviating them so that IFGE can remain the focal point for the community. This takes time and a great deal of effort from volunteers, but you will be hearing shortly about many of these changes.

During these changes, IFGE needs your support. IFGE is not about one person; it's about many people helping their sisters and brothers. It's a foundation on which the community can build a more educated and accepting world.

In order for IFGE to continue doing its work which is

- to make the world more tolerant and understanding by educating the public and helping professionals,

- to be available to crossdressers, transsexuals, transgendered individuals and their families,

we must have money. The only way we can obtain this money is from the members of this community, for only you know the isolation, guilt, and fear; and only you can understand what the hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of us who have no contact are going through.

If you have not already donated to IFGE, we beseech you to do so now. If you already have donated, we sincerely thank you, but would appreciate it if you could reach deeper into your pocket and donate some more.

Sharon Emek

Ellen Summers Passes Away

On Saturday morning, December 17, 1994, Ellen Summers, after a long illness, passes away quietly in her home in Portland, Oregon. Ellen leaves her wife Pat, Daughter Susie and her sons David and Philip.

Ellen has been a dedicated member of the transgendered community for more than twenty years. In that time she was voted Grande Dame of Dream, was a co-founder of the Northwest Gender Alliance, a co-planner of Esprit, a co-planner for both IFGE and the Coming Together Working Together convention, and a member of IFGE's board of directors since its inception. In addition to the NWGA and the IFGE, Ellen was a long-time member of Tri-Ess, the GGA, Emerald City and the Tiffany Club. In 1991, in recognition for her extraordinary acts of love and courage, Ellen became the first recipient of the Trinity Award. In 1994, in recognition of her more than twenty years of service to the transgendered community, Ellen became the eighth recipient of the Virginia Prince Outstanding Service Award. The VP Award is given to the one person who has given the greatest lifetime contribution to the transgendered community.

During her acceptance speech, with her wife Pat and her daughter Susie by her side, Ellen talked of her immediate family, and her transgender family, and of the values that had guided her life. She talked of love for one another, and protecting each other from harm, helping others when in need, and pursuing a common goal for the good of the whole family. She talked selfless dedication to the well being of others. She finished with, "As I look out there I see a gender family that has grown beyond our wildest dream. Let's all try hard to make it even larger and more successful. Tonight has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I thank you! My wife thanks you, my daughter thanks you,and your sister Ellen thanks you for this wonderful evening."

Ellen Summers will remain in our hearts and in our history one of the most beloved members of the transgendered community.

In lieu of flowers, Ellen's wife Pat has asked that a memorial fund be set up for Ellen with contributions to the Winslow Street Endowment Fund. A grant will presented in Ellen's name on Thursday, March 16, 1995 at the Coming Together Working Together convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Pat will select the purpose of the grant and the recipient. If you wish to contribute, please make your checks payable to: The Ellen Summers Memorial Fund, c/o IFGE-WSF, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367.

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Merissa Sherrill Lynn

A Tribute To Ellen

Ellen Summers passed away on December 16, 1994. Simply stated, Ellen was one of the finest human beings I have ever known.

The last time I saw her was Saturday night, March 19, 1994, the night she became the eighth recipient of the Virginia Prince Lifetime Service Award. I have never seen her happier, more beautiful, or more proud than she was on that night. That is how I choose to remember her.

Another thing I remember about that night was the irony of it all, and how much that irony reflected on Ellen, the person. The Portland Hilton Ballroom was filled with nearly 300 people, all decked out in their gowns and tuxedos. Ellen's wife Pattie and daughter Susie were seated in the front row. The lights were dim, the music was classical, the flowers were magnificent, and our spirits soared. The walls of the ballroom were lined with members of the hotel staff who had come to join us for a single purpose, to honor Ellen Summers. When Ellen stood to speak I felt a joy in my heart and tears in my eyes, and looked around to see if anyone else felt the same. Apparently everyone felt the same, especially the hotel staff, and therein lay the irony.

Saturday night, March 19, 1994, it was my honor to present the Dr. Virginia Prince Lifetime Service Award to Ellen Summers. The VP Award is the transgendered community's highest award, and was presented to Ellen in recognition of more than twenty years of dedicated service to the transgendered community, and for her selfless, tireless efforts to help make other people's lives better.

Three years ago Ellen was asked to leave the Portland Hilton for being cross-dressed. Two years ago our ability to hold a convention in Portland at all was in doubt because no hotel would have us. Ellen and her friend Roni went to work. Soon we not only had hotels willing to have our business, we had the best hotels in town, including the Portland Hilton, competing for our business. Ellen and Roni even went as far as conducting educational seminars for the Hilton staff. Thanks to Ellen's courage, persistence, patience, and quality of character, she went from being rejected to being respected and honored by those who had rejected her. The very fact that she was able to stand, with dignity, in the spotlight of the Portland Hilton Ballroom to receive the transgendered community's highest award, midst the din of applause from the Hilton staff, made manifest that no one on earth deserved the award more.

As the second recipient of the Virginia Prince Award, it was my responsibility and honor to present

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Ellen her plaque, and say a few words. Since Ellen was arguably the one person in the transgendered community I held in the highest esteem and one of my dearest friends, saying what was in my heart with just a few words was not going to be easy. Knowing she was ill and that this could very possibly be the last time we saw each other, made it even harder. So, I stood up, told a few personal stories about Ellen, told her I loved her, started crying, gave her a huge hug, and sat down. I hope I never have to do anything that difficult again.

Ellen came into my life in 1978. By that time I had already established the Tiffany Club and had made contact with hundreds of people from around the world. At first I thought she was just one more person looking for information. It became immediately clear that Ellen Summers was someone special. At no time did she dwell on what I could do for her. Instead, she wanted to know what she could do for me, and what we could do together to help other people. She was my kind of person. She became

In 1982 we met on the back deck of Provincetown's Crown & Anchor. To the sound of seagulls, foghorns, and hail pounding the canopy overhead, we planned our future. We also became lifelong friends.

a confidant, an advisor, a supporter, and a trusted friend. Perhaps most importantly in those early years Ellen brought to me her nurturing spirit, a spirit that empowered and encouraged me. There is no other way to put this, Ellen Summers had become both my sister and my mom.

I soon learned that her nurturing spirit, her ability to empower and encourage others, was the greatest gift she brought to the transgendered community. She could get people to lead, to work, and to work together, an ability I hold in awe to this day. That ability struck home with me the day we first met. That day was in early June 1982, at the Crown & Anchor Motel (the C&A), in Provincetown (P-town) Massachusetts. I was coordinating the Tiffany Club's second annual P-town outing, and Ellen was my guest of honor. A moment came midst the chaos that enabled me to sneak off with my new friend and share a quiet lunch. We went to the Steak & Lobster, an open canopied restaurant on the top deck of the C&A. We became so engrossed in our conversation we hardly noticed the hail storm which was rolling in off the harbor. The winds blew, hail pelted the deck and canopy, and the staff desperately scurried around us tying things down before the restaurant blew away. Ellen and I stoically sat there, pulling hailstones from our lobster rolls as we talked. We talked of what was being done, and of what could be done, and how we could do it. By the end of the weekend she had me so fired up that I left P-town doing backflips. Well, I wasn't actually doing backflips, but Ellen had me believing that I could have if I wanted to.

Ellen did for me what I couldn't do for myself. She had me believing in myself, and that all things were possible. From then on Ellen became far more than an advisor, a friend, and mom. She became a working partner. As the years went by, I became more aware of the positive effects of Ellen's nurturing spirit. That spirit was there when she co-founded Portland's Northwest Gender Alliance (NWGA), and supported the development of Seattle's Emerald City. It was especially there when we ran into our little problem at the first Chicago Gender Alliance Spring Fling.

The Spring Fling was held in May 1985, at the Rodeway Inn in Rosemont, Illinois. Ellen was my roommate. The little problem was

My first introduction to Ellen, circa 1978. My first impression was of a lady who stood straight, proud, and with dignity. She was someone I wanted to get to know.

Friends: With Yvonne Cook on the night they received their Trinity Awards.

Sharon, the event's coordinator. She never told the Rodeway Inn who or what we were, and never asked for an area to be set aside for us. To make matters worse, she never told us that she had never told them. The Rodeway, not knowing any better, randomly assigned rooms. We found ourselves, with no prior warning, surrounded by the participants, family and coaches of a high school hockey tournament. We were trapped. It was like being thrown into the arena with the lions and tigers. Fear swept the hotel. Fortunately, it wasn't our fear. It was the parents and coaches of the hockey players who were terrified of us. Ellen, who to my knowledge had never been seen in public without wearing a smile, went about making friends, and making it easy for people to talk to her and ask questions. Soon our room was filled with hockey players, coaches, moms and dads, chattering away, laughing, and having a great time. Ellen had taken a potentially explosive situation and turned it into an absolute winner. The hockey players named her after a popular movie of the time, and since then Ellen has been officially known as Mister Mom.

At that same event one year later I gained far greater insight into Ellen's skill as a leader, and her character as a person. 1986 was an intense time for

me. We were about to launch our new organization, the International Foundation for Gender Education, turn the *Tapestry* into a truly international publication, and make final plans for our first Coming Together convention. Fortunately, we were at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Skokie, Illinois, and Sharon had the foresight to tell the hotel who we were and what we needed. That meant those of us who were there to work could do so without interruption, or fearing for our lives. Ellen was there, as was Yvonne Cook, and Sheila Kirk, and Naomi Owen, and Eve Burchert, and many others. Ellen kept us together, and made our work sessions a joy. However, no work could be done without coffee and donuts. On Sunday morning we had a working breakfast with, you guessed it, coffee and donuts, one pot and one dozen for us, and one pot and one dozen for Ellen. I don't think I've ever seen anyone who loved donuts more than Ellen. I recently read a tribute to Ellen by Judy Osborne in which she said, "Ellen's truest loves were family, friends, our community, and donuts." I believe donuts had a higher priority.

With Jennifer Richards, a friendship dating back to the earliest DREAM conferences on the Oregon coast. In 1992 Jennifer also became a recipient of the Trinity Award.

Ellen's gentle nature, beautiful smile, and dry sense of humor made her a joy to be near. She could make me laugh, and did so frequently. For instance, we were sitting together at a head table during a luncheon. Sheila Kirk was the mistress of ceremonies. Ellen already had me laughing when Sheila began to introduce the head table. "And on my right," Sheila began, "I would like to introduce Dr. Virginia Prince, for whom the Dr. Virginia Prince Award was named after." Ellen, with an absolute deadpan expression, sarcastically commented, "No shit!" just loud enough for the microphone to pick it up. Everyone heard it, but no one wanted to admit they heard it, especially me. I fought off the urge to laugh, but the harder I tried, the worse it got. I lost it. When I lost it, Sheila lost it. When Sheila lost it, everyone lost it. Lunch became a shambles. Without losing a beat, or her deadpan expression, she turned to me and gave me a satisfied wink.

It's hard to think about Ellen without emotion, be that laughter, or tears, or warmth. Therefore, for me it was more gratifying to see her win the Trinity Award than the Virginia Prince Award. The VP Award was created to honor our pioneers and our leaders, and Ellen was certainly that. I know receiving that award was a highlight for her, and she richly deserved it. The Trinity was created to honor the community's heroes and hero-ines, those who have performed extraordinary acts of love and courage. Her life was based on love, love for her wife, her family, her friends, and her com-munity. Everything she did was based on love, and the desire to help make other people's lives better. The Virginia Prince Award praised her accomplishments. The Trinity praised her as a human being, and that is more meaningful. There is nothing more important than the quality of a person's soul, and Ellen had one of the best. I never met a more truly Christian soul in all my life. God gifted Ellen, and by that gifted us all.

With Roni Lang, co-coordinator of the host committee for the Portland '94 convention.

Wednesday evening, April 10, 1991, in the No. 10 Downing Room of the Regency Hotel in Denver, in honor of her countless acts of love, the transgendered community made Ellen Summers the first recipient of the Trinity Award. In so doing, we, as a community, honored what was most important about Ellen. We honored her spirit.

As Judy Osborne pointed out, Ellen was devoted to her family, and loyal to her friends. I thank my lucky stars. Together, Ellen and I dreamed the dreams and shared the work that made IFGE possible. Ellen served IFGE as a cofounder, as vice chair of the board, on the executive committee, as chair of nominations and

Wednesday evening, April 10, 1991, Ellen became the first recipient of the Trinity Award, the transgendered community's second highest award. She received this award from a grateful community for her countless acts of unselfish love.

awards, and as chief confidant. It seems as though I never did anything without first talking it over with Ellen. Besides sharing a dream and seeing that dream to fruition, she was my friend. That friendship saved me, and possibly saved IFGE.

By 1991 IFGE had become very successful. With that success came a new breed of leader, young turks fresh from the cold-blooded mean spirited world of business. Idealistic leaders such as myself became, well, passé. These new leaders brought new dreams to replace the old, which meant the old had to go, which meant I had to go. I was well aware of my lack of business skills, and lack of interest in business. However, I was also well aware that if I were eliminated, and my dreams were eliminated, the heart would have been torn right out of IFGE. IFGE would have died, and I could not allow that to happen. A terrible rift developed within IFGE, a rift that could easily have destroyed everything we had worked so long and hard for. At the January 1993 IFGE board meeting, the then chair of IFGE's board took me aside and told me, "If you don't get out of the way there will be blood on the convention floor!" They were not going to budge, I was not going to budge, and the stage was set for a showdown at the Philadelphia '93 convention in March.

We arrived in Philadelphia during the "storm of the century," which I took as a harbinger of things to come. There had already been considerable damage done, friendships were shattered, perhaps never to be rekindled, and we were steeled for battle. There was a pall over the convention, an atmosphere that was dark and ugly. In stepped Ellen. I had always loved and trusted Ellen, but I truthfully did not know her real power until then. She took us aside, like so many naughty children, sat us down, and said, "NO!" No meant no, and that was that! Mother Superior had spoken. "Now let's work it out." Work it out meant work it out. That was the first time any of us were able to get off our high horses and see the situation clearly. We could see that we needed someone who could coordinate IFGE's business affairs. We needed an executive director. That wasn't me. We also needed someone who had a clear understanding of the vision, of the "big picture," and could keep us going in the right direction. We needed a founding director. That was me. With that clearly understood and agreed upon, we were finally able to find our way to compromise, and start healing wounds. So, in one wonderful act of authority and diplomacy, Ellen saved me, saved IFGE, became IFGE's Mother Superior, and its Supreme Judge Advocate, the final authority.

During that convention Ellen was in constant pain. I knew it, as did a few others, but she never let it show. She never stopped working, she never stopped trying to help, and she never let anyone else take her place. I scolded her, trying to get her to rest, but clearly she had more power over me than I did over her. On Saturday she suffered through a long board meeting, then through a long Awards Banquet. She should have been resting, but she insisted on being there to support the seventh recipient of the VP Award, her friend Carol Beecroft. The next day she came to the wind-down brunch, bent over with pain. She came to receive the IFGE Football, thereby accepting responsibility to coordinate the host committee for the 1994 convention. There was some question as to whether or not she would even live to see another convention, yet there she was, accepting the responsibility to coordinate the host committee.

The next year, thanks to Ellen, the Portland '94 convention was a fantastic success, and she herself became the recipient of the Virginia Prince Lifetime Service Award. As I said earlier, there was no one on earth more deserving.

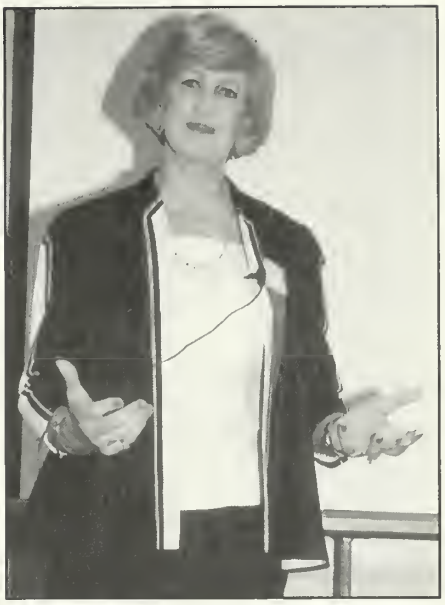
To me success is when on your deathbed you can say, with complete honesty, that the world is a better place because you were here. Ellen Summers was one of the most successful people I have ever known. She was my friend, my mentor, my guide. Ellen Summers was my hero.

Goodbye Ellen. The Other Side of Midnight Transgendered Bowling Team's loss, and our loss, is Heaven's gain.

It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

Signs & Treatment for Intersexuality



In the practice of medicine there is always the search for a sign, a specific guideline, a particular indication which when noted in an individual will indicate a special disorder. When a person either at birth or soon after, demonstrates a so called *marker,* the person is known to have currently or harbor a potential for a particular condition.

At this time, generally, there are no markers in physical appearance or in biochemical studies to determine whether or not a person is Transgendered. In only a small group of individuals, the Intersexual, do any distinctive markers exist. In the ordinary population, however, there is no distinguishing sign and no laboratory test to determine who is and who is not Transgendered. Hopefully in time there will be a way to identify a Transsexual or a Crossdresser by a special test. That test will probably demonstrate the presence of a gene or group of genes such as we have talked about in previous articles.

But what of the Intersexual individual—that person who can be diagnosed by an altered physical appearance (most often altered genitalia) or a laboratory test? Physical examination is sometimes a clue, when conducted at birth or soon thereafter. And what is the test that can be done at this time? It's a chromosomal map. It can give indication of an aberration or abnormality which is due to either too many or too few chromosomes or defects in the paired chromosomes. The *normal* genetic male or female has 46 chromosomes (23 pairs), 44 of which are called, in genetic parlance, autosomes. The other two are called sex chromosomes—XY for the genetic male, XX for the genetic female. On each chromosome there are literally thousands of genes that control countless different functions, systems, and potentials for appearance, health, and disease. For the last fifteen years, it has been the task of the Human Genome Project to identify and map all these genes and to complete the project in the next one or two decades. As I have said before, one day they will identify the gene or genes that are different or have mutated, to be responsible for the Transgendered person. I believe the Gay/Lesbian person will be so identified as well.

In some instances we have found the chromosomal pattern that is responsible for a number of clinical conditions, all grouped under the condition Intersexuality. There are also a number of gene defects that we have identified as being causative for some intersexual conditions. The Intersexual person who has altered physical characteristics, as well as altered mental or gender characteristics, has this *marker* in their blood and special techniques can identify it. When they have an anatomic change that is observable at birth, and when testing is done to help fully determine to what extent they are different, they are then assigned to an anatomic sex appropriate to their testing. As is often the case with medical care, until enlightenment is a part of the therapy, this arrangement can be quite faulty. Doctors have not always recognized that physical adjustment through surgery and medicine does not always complement the gender identity. Gender identity may not always be clear until the individual is 3 years old or more. The problem is that delaying medical and surgical treatment until gender identity is well established in the individual can be very trying, difficult, and even embarrassing to the person and to their family.

Let's look at the individuals that are found in the Intersexual group. Those that have genetic alterations at the chromosomal level are the following:

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HELP DR. KIRK IN THESE IMPORTANT PROJECTS

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1) Klinefelter's Syndrome.

These are males with a 47XXY chromosomal pattern. They have underactive testes and are called hypogonadal men. They have incomplete breast enlargement known as gynecomastia and a body structure and development very special to the disorder. These individuals are generally passive or non-aggressive and may have some diminished mental activity. They will be treated with male hormones when diagnosed, and can gain a more masculine behavior with that therapy. Not all are Transgendered. Those who are will present for evaluation and eventual contragender hormonal care when indicated and will undergo feminization in a successful manner.

2) Turner's Syndrome.

These are females who have a 45X chromosomal pattern. They have a very definite physical appearance and internally they have scant to no ovarian tissue, consequently they produce no female hormones. As a consequence, puberty is delayed, menstrual function does not ensue, breast development does not begin and other biological systems are impaired. Once a diagnosis is made, treatment with Estrogen/Progesterone combinations change greatly this overall picture. While she will be infertile, the Turner's Syndrome person can then assume a life as a comfortable, functioning female.

3) The 47XYY Syndrome.

This is a chromosomal variation found in men and not known in women. Many of these males are sterile and while they produce testosterone as do XY males and seem to be normal males in appearance, they may demonstrate homosexual, heterosexual or bisexual orientation. They demonstrate ungovernable impulsiveness as a prominent behavioral variant. Again, not all are Transgendered.

Now at the level of the gene, where mutation or alteration can take place, we have a considerable list of conditions. They happen to both male and female individuals and they can be very complex. In some instances, they are very difficult to diagnose and to treat.

Those that fall into disorders of fetal (intrauterine) endocrinology have to do with various enzyme deficiencies because of gene mutation. These affect the adrenal gland predominantly in females to bring about different forms of psuedohermaphroditisim. In the male, different kinds of testicular

A contribution had been made to IFGE with congratulations to LAURA & FRED January 4th, 1995 on the occasion of their wedding. May they dance many dances together, Dan & Yvonne Cook-Riley

A CALL FOR HELP

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has been conducting several on-going projects for the Transgendered community and the medical professionals that provide transgendered services. To assure their success and to maximize their effectiveness, she needs your continued support and help in the following areas:

Health-Care Professional Referral List

Dr. Kirk compiles and maintains a referral list used to direct individuals to responsible and responsive health-care professionals all over the United States. One of the very important ways that Dr. Kirk uses to continue this work is to ask that members of the community who have located health-care professionals (i.e., physicians, psychologists and psychiatrists) who they feel are competent and knowledgeable be made known to her. Please forward their names, addresses, phone numbers and their specialties so that she can include them in her lists.

Post-Operative M-F and F-M Transsexual In-Depth Survey

Post-operative M-F and F-M individuals are needed to be a part of a survey which asks in-depth questions about transition, medical care and the surgery experience.

Dr. Kirk is interested in knowing about post-surgical medical care and the situations that the Post-op individuals are currently experiencing in the workplace, etc.

Taking part in this survey will not put you in any measure of insecurity. Your privacy will be strictly enforced. No mention of your name will be used only, the data that you supply in the survey will be.

To participate send a letter to Dr. Kirk stating your willingness to take part along with your name and address.

Implant Registry

Protocols for an implant registry in the Division of Medical Liaison and Research at IFGE has been set in place.

All M-F individuals who have had facial prosthetic implants and breast augmentation implants and F-M individuals who have had penile and testicular implants are encouraged to become a part of the registry by providing information about their surgical procedures and experiences.

abnormalities or impediments to testosterone production occur, thereby allowing for various degrees of undermasculinization. A notable example of this is the Androgen-Insensitivity Syndrome. This condition, once called testicular feminization, is characterized by a very feminine appearing person with full breast development and a very female torso, who has testes where ovaries are supposed to be found in the abdomen. These gonads, surprisingly, produce estrogen not testosterone. This individual, however, has a male chromosomal pattern—46 XY. In the male, other conditions have to do with impaired testosterone biosynthesis such that various stages of undermasculinization are demonstrated as the individual moves through puberty and into adulthood.

When we look at examples of gonadal maldevelopment as they can occur in the womb, we find various examples of male pseudohermaphroditism, with associated genitalia ambiguity. True Hermaphroditism is also in this category. In this individual, there is development of both male and female internal and external genitalia. The individual demonstrates these fully with appropriate study. This is a relatively rare condition occurring much less than pseudohermaphroditism.

Other very uncommon conditions can occur in females, but these are unrelated to genetic variations. They have to do with masculinization of the genitalia of the infant early in the pregnancy by testosterone-like drugs taken by the mother at that time. Masculinization of the fetus by a tumor within the mother that produces masculinizing hormones can produce the same effects. These are rare conditions, but they do produce intersexual states that must be diagnosed and treated as are those forms of disorders of genetic variation mentioned above. While the genitalia are being altered by these influences, so also is the brain and those special centers in the brain to produce various levels of masculinization. For the female, that masculinization effect on the brain will induce very marked to mild masculine behavior and spirit. For the male, the diminished or lost masculinizing influence will produce varied levels of feminization or demasculinization in brain activity. This we can think of as gender identity and it's most probably an intrauterine phenomenon.

The phenomenon of intersexuality is complex, and at this time, while a great deal of information is ours, much of it is still poorly understood. The tragedy comes with late or faulty diagnosis and even more so with poorly conceived and executed modes of therapy.

There is an awareness that the intrauterine process for somatic development, partial or complete, is very complicated. There is also awareness that the masculinization of the brain in utero can be a variable that doesn't always take place, or perhaps takes place at different levels and in different degrees. (Hence a possible explanation of differences in the Transsexual person and the Fetishistic Crossdresser.) A great deal needs to be examined at the research level. Interest is there, but the researchers are not plentiful. Until more clarification takes place the Intersexual will be undertreated and undervalued. This person is truly a part of the Transgender community.

In turn, they will receive information periodically about research developments and legal concerns associated with such procedures. Pertinent information in reference to the development of various implant techniques will be forwarded to registrants in this program.

Teenage Crossdressing Study

This very important longitudinal study has been in progress for 2 1/2 years and will be conducted for a considerable length of time.

Male youngsters in the 12-19-year old age group are needed to take part in this study examining their social lifestyles and educational accomplishments. Initial surveys and subsequent surveys will be conducted to determine their level of adjustment in those areas.

It would be greatly appreciated if members of the community would be alert to these youngsters and then refer them to me for my inquiry and continuing evaluation. Their parents or health care providers are encouraged to contact me as well. Their insight would prove invaluable.

The confidentiality of all participants and their families is strictly adhered to.

University & College Speakers

In conjunction with the IFGE Speakers' Bureau, Dr. Kirk is very anxious to identify individuals who speak to sociology and psychology classes at various institutions of higher learning. She is particularly interested in those individuals who are asked to give information to groups that are taking higher degree training in these areas.

To help continue the education of future health-care professionals, Dr. Kirk would like to supply you with the *Tapestry Journal* for distribution.

Please get in touch with Dr. Kirk telling her of the talks you are conducting and the approximate number of attendees. She will be glad to provide you with an ample number of *Tapestry* issues.

This approach will provide insight into the community. It will amplify a great deal of what it is that you are sharing with a particular group and it will give them insight into the services provided by IFGE.

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects or seek further information, write to:

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Legal Briefs

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

In "Bubbaville" With Dignity

I want to fill you in just a second with an interesting story about name change. I hear so many, many stories about people who are just scared to death because they don't live in big urban complexes like Houston or some other place. Two weeks ago I was in an extremely rural county in Texas. It was "Bubbaville," and it's known as being a "Bubbaville." It was rural in that there was only one judge in the whole county. And the courthouse—I would love to practice law in that courthouse—was the kind of courthouse you see on the television shows about the old-timey courthouses. It was gorgeous; I just was really taken aback, but that's beside the point.

I was doing work for a client to change this person's name and also to get, to effect, a pre-operative change of gender identification. In preparation I contacted the court, filed my papers, paid my fees, talked to the court coordinator. I said, "Now, this is a transsexual person. Would you please alert the judge to that?" "No problem. I'll alert the judge." I sent the judge a letter identifying the fact that I, too, was transgendered, and, if the judge had any questions, please converse with me prior, or leave a message and I would call the judge. Blah, blah, blah. Fine, I heard nothing. I met my client and my client's spouse in "Bubbaville County," Texas. We went to the courthouse and walked in.

Here's this old rural setting. Even though it was a civil matter, they had accorded me the courtesy, because they knew I was flying in from out of town, to come after noon when they did their criminal docket. So, there's two prosecutors, a bunch of defense attorneys, a whole bunch of people in jail clothes, and deputy sheriffs to guard them. Plus there's a court clerk, a court reporter, all these people. I walked in as I do every place—like I own the place. Everybody either knew or should have known because I forewarned them. Nobody snickered. Nobody said, "Boo!" Nobody said anything. Everybody was very cordial. Everyone was very professional. Everyone was very courteous.

I went to the court coordinator and I said, "I'm Phyllis Frye." "Oh, Ms. Frye, I'm glad to meet you. I've been looking forward to meeting you. Your letters have been very interesting." I asked of Ms. So-and-so, "Is the Judge in?" "Yes." "Has the judge read my stuff?" "I don't know." "Is everything ready to go?" She says, "Everything is ready to go. We'll pop you in first off, and then we'll do our criminal docket."

The judge came onto the bench. Before he called docket, I went up and said, "Judge, may I approach?" "Yes, you may." "I'm Phyllis Frye." "Oh, Ms. Frye, I've been looking forward to meeting you." Blah, blah, blah. We talked a little while over on the side. Everybody else was doing their business. It wasn't a show. It wasn't a carnival. It wasn't a circus. People were doing their business, because that's all this was—business.

The judge and I talked; he had a few questions. He said, "I know I can do the name-change, but what's this other gender change stuff? I've searched all my law books, and I can't find it." I said, "Well, Your Honor, you know, I'm transgendered." "Oh, yeah, I knew that." "And I've been practicing for a long time, and I just kind of pulled it out of my ass, Your Honor. I figured that my pleadings stated what needed to be done. It was fair and a logical extension of what I was asking for under the law for the name change. I think my client deserves it. I know that you have both in your equity powers and in your powers of discretion to make decisions." He says, "Oh." And he thought about it and he said, "Well, I don't know. Bring your client up."

I brought my client up. Here's my client, a preoperative transsexual person standing there right beside me. The court reporter's doing "the fingers" just like she is now. The clerk's sitting there like, "Who cares?" The prosecutors and the defense attorneys are conducting their deals on the side. We're standing up there talking just as loud as I'm talking right now. "Are you So-and-so?" I'm naming the person's original name which doesn't match the gender that's appearing. "You So-and-so?" "Yes." It didn't get quiet all of a sudden. "Are you doing this for such and such, this sexual reassignment, blah, blah, blah, gender reassignment?" And we went on for about five minutes. The judge reached over, and he signed the order; he granted the preoperative change of gender.

He said thank you very much. He told my client to go ahead and leave.

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by Gianna Eveling Israel

Tired of Sitting Home Alone?

So, here you are. As a transgendered individual you have finally made it. You have developed a position of relative comfort crossdressing and/or crossliving part- or full-time. You have shared yourself through disclosure, finding place, building community among friends, colleagues and even hopefully with biological family members. You have refined your presentation skills to reflect your own individuality. Yet, alas, you sit alone early mornings and late evenings wishing for the companionship of a significant other. As a transgendered woman and a counselor serving our community, I have witnessed others' as well as experienced my own frustration that accompanies the transgendered "singles" experience.

For many this is one (transgendered) life-journey experience in particular which with a well-honed sword frequently pierces the heart resulting in excruciating if not near paralyzing pain. Whether transgendered or non-transgendered, as humans we do have relationship and intimacy needs, and not having those needs filled is painful. However, rather than sitting around teary-eyed and feeling unable, traits which certainly will not attract any potential significant others or dates (except with a crisis counselor), I encourage individuals to take on building a positive relationship environment and welcoming prospects with the same enthusiasm and hard work they invested while building their transgendered identities.

Building prospects for discovering and establishing healthy relationships begins at home, hopefully long before actually meeting a potential significant other. First, it is extremely important to acknowledge and work through the individual feelings we may have surrounding being presently single. It is highly probable that we may feel a sense of loss, frustration or anger because our intimacy needs are not getting met. These strong feelings surrounding our individual needs are ours alone to work on. More often than not, if they are brought into a relationship, they only serve to undermine and possibly drive away the individual as a result of our unresolved neediness. If you find yourself having a lot of difficulty understanding your relationship needs, or working through feelings associated with being single, I strongly encourage you to make an appointment with a counselor or therapist with whom you communicate well to discuss these issues, thereby preparing yourself to enter a potential relationship with a healthy mindset not overburdened by unresolved pain.

Of equal importance to acknowledging and working through our own individual feelings is our need to understand the difference between feelings and judgments because it is precisely our judgments which most likely stand in the way of developing a healthy relationship-oriented self image.

"I feel unattractive because I'm not passable," or, "No one is going to be interested in me because I'm transgendered."

Do these statements sound familiar? They very well may, since they are among the statements I most frequently encounter in counseling sessions from those who are single. At an earlier time I also was not immune to making those very statements. When hearing them, the very first thing I encourage clients to do is start asking questions! What is the underlying source of those statements, judgments? Society! It is society along with the encouragement of the media which persuades the populace to judge what is attractive, intriguing, sexy, all the while overlooking large populations of perfectly fine individuals. Those negative statements and judgments belong to our society and do not serve the individual. Transgendered individuals are no less attractive than non-transgendered individuals. Passing does not mean attractive.

I have always disliked the word "passing" because it indicates perpetration. Being a transgendered man or woman is just that, being transgendered. We can choose to extract and incorporate masculine

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and feminine traits from within as well as from the larger society into our own individual character and presentation. Yet we will always be transgendered.

I have had hundreds of transgendered individuals cross my counseling threshold and it has always been my impression that the majority of these individuals put a great deal into building a positive self-image and a clean, attractive, well-kept presentation, often moving beyond the efforts of many non-transgendered individuals who frequently seem satisfied in solely living out stereotypes.

These positive efforts by us, the transgendered, are traits certainly well-appreciated and needed as an integral part of a healthy relationship. Isn't it time we start acknowledging ourselves for the truly remarkable, insightful, attractive individuals we are and stop dutifully accepting second or third-class judgments from our not-so-healthy society?

Third-class judgments do carry over. They carry over when we feel no one will be attracted to us because we are transgendered. They carry over when a crossdresser is hesitant to share with a significant other their crossdressing needs. If we are ever to have successful, fulfilling relationships which recognize our transgendered needs, we must first develop for ourselves an understanding of those needs and how they pertain to our relationships with others. Once we have developed that recognition we can then begin developing an open communication with our (potential) partner about how transgendered issues affect us and them.

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I told my client to get out of there before the judge changed his mind. My client and spouse left. I started to leave and the judge called me back. He said, "Ms. Frye I need to talk to you." I went back and he had a couple of medical questions, technical questions. I answered them and he said, "Oh, okay. That makes sense. Well what about so and so? Oh, that makes sense, okay." I educated another judge. This was in "Bubbaville."

I walked out. People were still doing their business. Prosecutors and defense lawyers were still doing their business. Defense lawyers and prisoners were still doing their business. Deputy sheriffs were still sitting there doing their business guarding their prisoners. Nobody cared!!!!!!

So, get your personal identification business done. If you can't do it yourself, get an attorney. If you're out of state, I won't do it. If you're in-state, call me. If you don't want to make me "rich-off-the-community" because I assure you, I don't get rich that way, then call somebody else. But make sure that if you call somebody else that they have either bought or read our "Proceedings," that they know who you are, and that they can represent you with dignity.

The reason why I pulled it off is because I knew what I was talking about. And I was speaking with dignity. And I was representing a client with dignity and my client was standing with dignity, because I coached. And my client was not ashamed. And it just went through like business. Y'all can do that, too. We can all do that.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Would you like an artistic portrait of yourself that captures the person who lives inside?

Mariette Pathy Allen
author of
'Transformations:
Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them'
(Photographs and interviews with crossdressers & transgenderists and their partners, children, & friends, E.P. Dutton, Inc., NYC.)
(Available through IFGE.)

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Electrology

by Linda DeFruscio, RE,RI,PME

A Case Study of Beard Removal from a Male-to-Female Transsexual

In the past issues of *Tapestry* under the Electrology column you have learned about the three different methods of electrolysis, folliculitis barbae and how to take care of your skin. We do, however, have much more exciting educational information to pass along. The way I would like to present these interesting data to you is by using as an illustration a stunning example of one client, let's just call him John, who was able after a life-long struggle not only to gain the upper hand and emerge a victor in his trying situation, but also to achieve outstanding results in the electrology treatment he had to clear off his beard.

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We will pick up our all-revealing magnifying glass and zero in on some approximate time-frames for a particular thickness beard project. We will take you on a hair-raising but rewarding multi-filament ride in and out of a bunch of hair follicles, affording you yet another insight into what may be in store should you decide to go to a professional and cease the endless one-on-one battle with your facial hairs where you know you are destined to lose. So, let us show more cheek and chin and explore some of the ways we can feel great about it while we are at it! But now the light of our curiosity will shine on John's mixed experiences, first, an electrology clinic in Georgia, where his beard was growing back faster than the electrologists could keep up with it, and, to go on with, we will turn to the successful denouement in his hormone-assisted electrology battle some fifteen years later under the gentle care of a hand-picked practitioner in Maryland.

In 1975 John saw an article in a newspaper in Georgia about a thermolysis clinic, so he went to give it a try. At that time he was not on any medication. The electrolysis experts worked hard to clear the beard from his face, but they could not keep up with it. The amount of time that they were using for treatment was getting to be too much for John. In six months, it seemed like it was too much work and not enough results, and he was spending a great deal of money on it. From the outset he had many doubts, and was not sure about the clinic, its reputability and how it was run. The practitioners would be working on several people at one time, and one of the operators was using a method she knew she could get in trouble for. All in all, it looked like it may have been a rip-off. There were no framed licenses and diplomas on the clinic walls. The lady in charge was not even performing electrology herself. She was more like a manager. That was the sort of place which ran a huge, eye-catching advertisement in the local paper claiming to offer its clients "painless hair removal." So, after about half a year's work, John was very discouraged and gave it up. He had, however, a lot of prior work done before he reconsidered and got, on the advice of a TS in Arizona, into the multi-needle technique of hair removal fifteen years later.

To really understand John's situation and be able to empathize with him, we would need to go back to the very beginning, to his childhood years, when he already began to feel the need for a sex change. John had always wanted to become a female, and, in truth, he felt he was one. When he was a little child he would stealthily try to be a girl. He had a cousin and would always enjoy playing with her because he could play all the different girl games. His parents soon caught on to his tendencies, but that was never discussed. Unfortunately, his mother's perspective on the whole thing was that that type of thing was perverted. That was what she would call the TV/TS people.

This lack of understanding on the part of John's parents resulted in his being very confused for a long time in both primary and high school. He was never engaged in any social activities. He did not date. He was really repressed, because he knew how his parents felt about this. He felt it was "life and death" if they ever found out. Therefore, he never got any help when he was a child.

After high school, in the late nineteen sixties, when things started becoming more out in the open, John learned of an association in New Orleans. He wrote to them and was able to obtain some information, including the name of a doctor in Georgia. He made an appointment to see this doctor, got all his women's clothes together, but was not brave enough to go in crossdressed. During the consultation he was told that he was not transsexual, that he just had some crossdressing tendencies. He was instructed to get counseling with any psychologist or psychiatrist, if that were necessary—and that was it! Of course John went away pretty depressed: he did not know where

he was or what he was doing, and floundered around for couple of years. That first doctor who saw him did not run any tests on him, they just talked in the office. The doctor believed that one could actually see if a person were transsexual, because such a person would be visibly effeminate, maintain a certain posture while sitting down. But that was exactly the sort of thing John spent his entire life trying to hide because his parents would always treat him in a very derogatory manner.

For John, the crossdressing was just not getting it. Crossdressing was not doing him any good. Somehow he knew that it was not it, even though he moved away, had his own apartment, and was able to crossdress freely. He was still in his early twenties then, and it was not long before he got married. Once again he decided to seek professional help and went to the University of Alabama in Birmingham where they had a psychiatric institute. He was fortunate enough to be seen by the head of the department. This time a lot of counseling took place and a whole panel of tests, including blood work and chromosome tests, were done. The new doctor was really trying to learn as much as he could about the overall situation. He even did the early childhood analysis.

The upshot of that was that John was now full of resolve to plan for sex reassignment surgery. It was at that time, for the first time, that he was started on hormones. He was also seeing a counselor. The social worker who was working with him encouraged him to start doing his counseling in the female role and, naturally, crossdressed. John also thought of getting back into college, but he wanted to go to school as a girl now, having changed his sex role. He still thinks that that would have been the best thing; however, the recommendation was not to do that, but rather to get a job, make some money and then he could pursue the sex change surgery.

John knew that he needed to find a way to become a woman, to change his role in life. He went back to Georgia and landed a job there. That was when he got back onto hormones and proceeded with thermolysis. He was very actively crossdressing and was undergoing some counseling. Everything was a struggle, and eventually he wound up married in 1979 to a very aggressive, assertive young lady. In fact, she was the one who proposed marriage and ran the show. John liked that role, but once they were married, the situation changed and he now had trouble. Again, he was without any support and understanding. John has been married for the last fifteen years. He is now separated and they have started divorce proceedings.

At the point of restarting his electrolysis he was still going to therapy and trying to get his life together. He told his spouse that he was going to have a lot more beard removed. He met with no opposition.

John's skin was relatively sensitive. He could never get a close enough shave. He would break out immediately. That is also a big problem for a lot of people who wax. Another thing he learned in the course of his evaluation was that he had an extremely high testosterone level. He was referred to an endocrinologist who was willing to treat him. That was where he found out about his hormone problem. As for electrolysis, he proceeded with the less popular multi-filament galvanic method.

John contacted an electrologist in Maryland. He did not tell anybody in the office that he was a transsexual. He just asked them to help him get his beard removed and to start on the neck and work up. At that time they talked about the different methods available: thermolysis, shortwave, blend, and multi-filament galvanic. The lady who started working on him taught and owned a school of electrology in Maryland. The decision was that the most effective method for him would be the multi-filament (or, multi-needle) technique. In having the beard removed, all people are invariably concerned with the so-called "kill ratio," or when the hair will stop growing and the treatment be finished. In using the multi-filament method the kill ratio is 80% (the process moves slowly), as opposed to thermolysis which is below 50% and the process moves quickly. These percentages are based on individual data. Besides, John's skin was very sensitive, and they wanted to proceed slowly causing less irritation.

On this occasion, John definitely felt like sticking with his new plan of treatment. He started by going in an hour a week, then two hours, and eventually as many as five hours a week. Some sessions even took up to three hours. But John did not mind, because this time around he really made up his mind that he was going to get through it. Although the electrologist was not aware of his hormone treatments, she noticed the positive change right away. During his treatment he switched to another lady in the office. She was very, very good, though not an instructor. John looks tremendous now. His skin is nice and clean, soft and clear of all traces of hair. A textbook case of diligence and consistency on the part of the patient and excellent skill on the part of the practitioner.

To turn to the cost, which is by no means a minor consideration when deliberating whether to start treatment, the cost for this combination treatment (multi-filament and thermolysis) was approximately $55 per hour, with the total amount of hours being 295. The total bill for the removal of John's heavy beard was $15,900. 275 hours of the treatment were done using the multi-filament technique. When John moved to the Greater Boston area and started a new job he finished the clean-up work on his beard using the thermolysis method, which helped him get his face completely cleared. The overall time to go through the whole process was around two years.

John's skin reacted very nicely to the slow multi-filament method, but not without some usual mild redness which was easily managed by applying an ice-pack to the irritated area for a few minutes after each treatment. Occasionally he would get intermittent blemishes, or there would be a remnant of a root tip or a little ingrown hair (derma papillae), but not to worry; the electrologist had effective ways of treating those common side effects of hair removal.

Another means to keep the skin irritation under control is to use an antibacterial liquid cleanser or benzoyl peroxide wash. A post-operative treatment option is Neosporin, cortisone cream, hydrogen peroxide gel or Bacitracin, for those who are not allergic to these effective bactericidal unguents. There is a new medication that has just been released on the market called EMLA cream. It is a topical cream that helps to deaden the pain of electrolysis. It is available in most drug stores, but the downside of using the EMLA cream is that it is expensive and inconvenient, since you need to occlude the area securely with plastic wrap one hour before treatment, and the effect only lasts for about twenty minutes. The important thing is to be very diligent at every treatment about using something to keep infection down.

What really facilitated the painstaking process of hair removal was the fact that John was on hormones from the very beginning. That, however, was not done without ongoing consultations with an experienced endocrinologist who also thought that would really help the treatments. It is my belief, that the men who are doing beard removal as part of their transition should do about seventy hours or so of electrolysis without hormones, and then, as their treatments proceed, they should go ahead and start hormone treatment based on the recommendation of their doctor. I would advocate getting the bulk of the hair off first, and then kick in the hormones. People may begin beard removal to get used to the idea of their goal. The person may not like the body changing or developing faster than the beard removal. Therefore, the person may want to wait with hormone therapy until he and his physician decide on the correct timing. In contrast to that, John did it the other way, but everybody has their own way of doing it. The hormone treatment plan selected by John's endocrinology specialist worked very well for him.

As far as I can see, John's face is at the finish point now. There is very little undergrowth. There may be five minutes' worth of clean-up-type work to be done, including his eye-brow area, but things look very good, with no skin damage at all. It is obvious that he has had very good treatments in the past. There was an incredible amount of solid research prior to treatment, and then it really paid off to keep up with the treatments. John persevered and is feeling more feminine. In order to really reach that stage (electrolysis is not for everybody), you ought to seriously consider getting that beard hair off. Doing so can really make you feel like you are on the road to success in the transition, whereas shaving one's face is hardly feminine.

Right after John finally had his face cleared, he sat down and put on a very thin, healthy, almost artistic layer of make-up and got crossdressed. It was such a different and good feeling, without all those bristles, and he did not have to clunk on a bunch of base, he could wear a more natural look. It was indescribable! It really made him feel good about the whole thing. John looks back now and feels very strongly that had he carried out the electrolysis treatment back in 1975 he would have had twenty more years of a life he has always dreamed of. John feels that he is coming around the 70% mark in his transition. In the past, John has tried shaving, tweezing, waxing, plucking, but that burnt him out immediately. It seemed he was going to burn his skin away from his beard and his face was going to fall off. It just never worked. That clearly was not a solution. When asked what advice he would give to those who are going through the battle of trying to decide whether they want to have their beard removed or not, John does not hesitate to say, "Do it early on and stick with it. To me, it has been a very, very effective process and quite a booster. What I think really helped was finding out about the entire program, so you can gauge where you stand, how you proceed, and when you will get to the end. I think it has helped me accelerate things, helped me focus on where I want to be and pursue what I need to do to get through this."

There are three types of electrolysis: galvanic, blend, and thermolysis. The galvanic method is a technique whereby a probe with a single filament is inserted in the hair follicle from 16 seconds to 10 minutes. It is a very slow process. In the blend, method the probe goes into each hair follicle for 5 to 12 seconds. In thermolysis, the time is 1 to 2 seconds per follicle. (For more in-depth information regarding the three methods, please refer to the summer 1994 issue of *Tapestry*, No 68). At times multiple depressions of the probe in thermolysis are necessary in order to eliminate distorted hairs or severely curved follicles.

Towards the end of John's electrolysis treatments he decided to do the latter half of the treatments using the thermolysis technique due to the fact that he had moved out of the area and could no longer be treated with his prior multi-filament method. The practitioner who performed electrolysis on him was also an instructor. When John moved to Boston he wanted to stay with someone who is also an instructor. There are many licensed and skilled practitioners. Choose carefully and get referrals, if possible. That is why he came to me at A&A Electrolysis and Skin Care Associates in Newtonville, Massachusetts. We were responsible for the thermolytic part of his treatment. It is worth repeating that John has had very, very successful treatments in the past. However, he did take a very long time to clear up his case because the galvanic method is a very slow but effective method. It can be 80-100 percent effective, but it does take a little longer. Finding a practitioner who uses the multi-filament technique may be difficult. Most electrologists use thermolysis and/or the blend technique.

Regarding the facial hair removal times, my own data are as follows: light hair, up to 80 hours; medium hair, 80-120 hours; heavy hair, 120-200 hours; extra heavy hair, 200 or more hours (as high as even 400 hours, depending on the case and the particular technique the patient chooses to use, and, of course, the skill of the electrologist). All of these concerns and questions should be brought up and should be addressed during the first consultation visit.

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Thoughts On What & How

To the Editor:

Having not long ago attended the GenDys 1994 Conference in Manchester, England, I spent some time reflecting on what those taking part had to say, and on its effect on me. The GenDys Conference is one where professionals specialising in gender dysphoria can express their views, and the results of their most recent work to an audience of interested laymen and women, not all, but most of whom have the condition. It is a serious-minded professional conference, attended by many of the recognised European specialists in the subject, held at one of the Halls of Residence of Manchester University. Something over 100 people attended, about a third of whom were professionals (and some of the professionals had the condition themselves).

Over two days, we had talks from a number of psychologists, a couple of rather gory illustrated lectures from surgeons (just before lunch!), and presentations on related topics, such as voice training. There were several foreigners, including at least two Americans. One of these gave a rousing address, telling us to pull our stockings up and face the world boldly, which is all well for an American attorney who has lived openly in the role for nearly twenty years, but not so easy for the rest of us.

I have had a great deal of help from various people over the years, and some of my closest friends were also at the conference. The opportunity to meet and talk to them, and with them to others, in a social framework was, I think, almost as valuable as the formal presentations.

I am not yet having hormone treatment, so that I was more than a little surprised to find that I had difficulty in preventing myself from sobbing at the end of the first day. What had upset me so much were the negative messages which one after another of the experts came across with. "Sex reassignment is a very serious step, and patients cannot be allowed to proceed with it until after exhaustive psychological assessment and counselling; hormone therapy is a potentially dangerous treatment and cannot be done without most serious consideration; the 'real life' test must last at least two years before surgery can be considered, and a patient must be in extremely fit condition before undertaking so serious a step." Even if all these hurdles have been overcome, a person such as myself, who was circumcised as a child, may, it seems, be refused surgery because there is too little material left for the surgeon to work on.

I appreciate that doctors need to be cautious, especially on a public platform, and I am fully aware of the seriousness of the steps which I need to take to achieve my heart's desire; but I am 64 years of age, and I felt terribly depressed at the thought that I might well be dead before achieving it. Also, it seemed to me that I should be entitled to be treated as a responsible adult, who knew her own mind and was prepared to stand by her mistakes.

Fortunately, one of the speakers was a clergyman of the Church of England. I have met him before, and think of him as a saintly man, full of compassion for people who are troubled by problems which, as a matter of fact, he shares—with even less chance than I of ever living full-time in a feminine role. He gave us in effect a sermon, comparing our condition to the difficulties which everyone meets on their pilgrimage through life. I was immensely heartened by his talk, by the kind, compassionate way he delivered it.

That evening, I made up my mind to be a little daring. At the previous conference, I had danced with a doctor, and had suddenly felt a strange kind of frisson, almost like an electric shock, as he touched my bare shoulder as we danced. Having been deprived of my girlhood by circumstances, it was a totally new, and wonderfully sweet, experience which I wanted to see if I could repeat. So I put on a low-cut black panné velvet dress, with some jewellery which included a copy of the diamond which Richard Burton gave to Elizabeth Taylor, and spent the night dancing with a man who was an F-M TS, flirting with him outrageously, and enjoying every minute of it. I think that the experience was just as enjoyable for him, even if it was more unexpected.

I woke the next day in great spirits, and enjoyed the rest of the conference, which was almost as up-beat as the previous day had been depressing.

I have written this letter in the expectation that you may want to publish it. As you will have gathered from what I have said, I am pre-op TS, and some of my reflections may be rather far removed from the experience of most of your readers, who, I understand, are mostly TVs. So what is my message?

It seems nowadays to be generally accepted that many, but not all cross-dressers have a clinical condition (not and illness) called gender dysphoria; that this condition has physical causes arising while the individual concerned was in the womb; and that the differences between individuals who have the condition arise from a combination of the effects of secondary hormonal development in puberty, and social conditioning. In other words, there is no medically significant difference in the cause of TSs and TVs; it is simply a question of degree. There is a lot more to be said about the subject when considering how to accommodate the consequences of having the condition in individual cases; but, in the end, this is for the individual to work with such help as he/she is able to get from friends and others who may be prepared to help. The shame and despair felt by those who have this condition and do not understand it, or who cannot come to terms with it, are real, as every one of us knows. It is a very hard journey which we are forced to travel, and made all the more difficult by the ignorance and prejudice of the general public and far too many doctors. But there is no reason for despair.

These things are slowly changing for the better. Though it is impossible to overcome prejudice, it is possible for us to go about our affairs without being molested, if we can keep our sense of humor and our self-esteem.

My experience is that most people these days, especially women, are quite tolerant of us if we appear to them to be serious, well-dressed (and made-up), and well-behaved. The exceptions are usually men who probably have difficulty with their own self-image, and some close members of the family, though my daughter has been a tower of strength to me, even to the extent of letting me see my grand-children I adore.

I take a great deal of interest in my appearance, and also take a great deal of trouble with my clothes, make-up, hair and nails. "Passing", which seems to be an obsession with some of us (as if we did not have enough obsessions already!) is not something which I bother about very much. As a result, I rarely have any trouble wherever I go.

I have also found that many people can and do help in ways which they may not themselves realise, not only with basic things which we never had the opportunity to learn as young girls, but with fundamentally important things like our own sense of the worth of our feminine personalities.

Next time I write, I must tell you about a "girls' night out" (as we call it over here) which one of my Clients gave for me, though that was the first time she had seen me dressed. There were four of us, and we all went to one of the best hotels in London for dinner. An American made a remark about me, which I did not hear, and she went over to tell him what she thought of him. I had a brilliant time, as you may imagine. She is still my Client, and now she calls me Dorothy as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Dorothy Francis
England

Christian Coalition

To the Editor:

When I read the Letters to the Editor, I usually hold my tongue, but some of the letters I have read in the last few days in support of the Christian Coalition really upset me! The letters by Deborah Luper and Kristina Johannes were fraught with errors. First, the Christian Coalition is not christian. Second, the Coalition does use stealth. I know for a fact that members of a local Baptist church are encouraged to hate and discriminate against others each time they gather.

The Coalition consistently throws up their belief in God and the Bible as a basis for depriving others of their Constitutional Rights. What kind of christians are these? It never ceases to amaze me how the self righteous are always quick to judge the morality of others as long as they can use the church, quote the Bible, or threaten damnation by God. What about those who believe differently than you? Oh, that's simple. You take away their civil rights, their housing, their jobs, and if necessary, their life. You wonder why your children are turning to gangs? Because they are trying to be just like you. Their examples? In World War II, Germany had leaders just like you. They took the liberties away from others who were different than they were. Yes, I know who you are. Even with the many names you hide behind.

You call yourself the Christian Coalition, but you are not christian. You call yourself the moral majority, but you are neither moral nor the majority. You profess to be the religious right. You are religious zealots, but you are not right.

Every time I see one of your hate groups in the paper casting aspersions at someone, I say to my husband, "Look, another article by the *Religious Reich!*"

Sincerely,

Nora Jean York
Anchorage, Alaska

ESPRIT = Spirit

To the Editor:

The Indians of the Pacific Northwest have many traditions, but one of the best is called Potlatch. This celebration is more than just a feast. It's party where the host gives great gifts to all the guests.

Esprit, in Port Angeles, Washington, is very much a Potlatch. The guests receive great gifts while enjoying the incomparable beauty of the Olympic Peninsula. The conference is totally dedicated to helping each person become the best woman they can be. The spirit is one of helping and enjoyment, the two key words for the people who put on this event.

My first visit to Esprit was in 1990, before it even had a name. I reached the hotel with some nervousness, only to find the staff had been fully briefed. They took my registration in my femme name so others could find me, and accepted payment with my male credit card. Not bad for a beginning.

Then came the room. I quickly checked the bill to see if the rate had gone up. Surely all this space, and the view across the Straits could not be had for the rate I was quoted. Wrong! It certainly was.

Then began the greatest week of my life up to that point. The conference taught me how to be at peace with the community. I learned how to shop, hints on beauty care from none other than Jim Bridges, was hosted by a Beauty Salon, and a church, enjoyed high tea at the Empress Hotel, crossed the border while dressed and visited another country. The list goes on.

Each year I return for even more fun. Once, Merissa Lynn joined us and even went to play in the snow on the nearby mountain. Can you imagine singing Karaoke in the toughest redneck bar in town? How about speaking to a class of high school students? Being invited to speak before a service club? Meeting your own state legislator? Enjoying a real live casino? Receiving a guided tour through the County Courthouse and meeting the judges and attorneys? Shopping at the grocery store in sundress and high heels? Getting married? Being interviewed by the local paper and featured (with pictures) on the front page of the Sunday paper? Sharing the hotel with a convention of Grannies (they loved us!)? Trying to translate the meaning of cross-dressing into French for a tour group from Paris?

All these things and many more have happened to my friends and to me at Esprit. This year I am looking forward to a cruise on nearby Lake Crescent, as well as the enthusiastic greeting from the people of Port Angeles.

Nowhere else have I ever felt such a warm, friendly, helping atmosphere. It is a long way to go to get there, but I can do every step of the way in my favorite heels, and when the wind blows through my hair, gently twirling my skirt about my legs as I ride the Blackball to Victoria, I always know it is worth the effort.

Sincerely,

Debra Darling

Thankful

To the Editor:

I have been a subscriber to *Tapestry* for about two years now, and felt it was time I sent you a THANK YOU letter. I find this publication to be of great value from both an emotional and educational point of view.

From an emotional point, *Tapestry* has helped me to accept my crossdressing. Although I am still not comfortable with my need to dress and act as a woman, I am at least comforted in knowing that I am not alone. In reading the letters you publish, I have found many of your readers share the same kind of frustration and confusion I face on a daily basis. Why do I crossdress? Why can't others accept me "as I am"?? Just knowing others face the same problems I do has made life easier.

The educational information is always welcome. I have used your resource section to make contact with a local group. Before *Tapestry* I didn't even know such organizations existed. I have not become bold enough to join the group in my area, but I now know it is there and hope to get up enough courage to join soon. Perhaps I will make it a new year's resolution.

Although I have placed a Personal Listing in *Tapestry,* I have only received one response. Frankly, it was not very positive. I was at least courteous enough to respond to that person to say thanks for the response. I have also responded to one other personal ad, but have yet to get an answer. I very much hope I do, though.

Again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING THERE!!!

Sincerely yours,

Lorrie T.
Washington State

Feedback

To the Editor:

Thank you for asking me to renew my subscription. I have been giving it a lot of thought, but I have chosen not to renew at this time. I like your magazine very much. But my main purpose in subscribing was to meet new people and be able to talk to them as sisters. I have written many letters, perhaps a couple of dozen or so, and have received very few replies. This has been both an expense and very disappointing for me. I just can't see spending another $40 at this time. I'm sorry. I hope you have good success with your publication. You must relay to your sisters that they must write and not always expect to be written to, as well as answer mail when received.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Realization

Dear IFGE sisters,

I recently left the power zone if the United States and decided to live in Europe where I was on assignment.

Having done so, a lot of cathartic experiences began happening where, to make a long story shorter, I finally realized that (I had known all along, but my guilt ridden societal mind couldn't accept) I am transsexual. I am not at home now, as I am coordinating a project outside the country, but I have begun therapy with a prime gender dysphoria counselor.

I read *Tapestry* with great interest, and have become very interested in what I have read about Dr. Biber in the inside cover story about Melanie Anne Phillips.

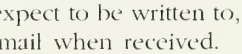
Anyway, I could go on and on, but basically, I am just starting out, and have made some lovely progress. I am attempting to live more and more openly as a woman. To my amazement, most people are interested and attracted to this. For example, I only wear women's pants and half-sleeve t-shirt blouses, have diamond stud earrings in both ears, nicely plucked eyebrows, and a cute lady's short haircut. Amazingly enough, my conservative employer, instead of firing me, has given me more responsibility. I don't know how long that will last, and I believe there is a limit, but it's amazing how our expectations limit us.

Oh, yes, I also wear clear nail polish. Anyway, I'm babbling at this point. I'm not 100% sure, but I think I like the name Joanne. That's what I am going by in safe circles.

So please start my subscription to *Tapestry.* I wrote my stateside address on the form. And thanks for your publication. It is an oasis.

Cheerfully yours,

Joanne



Coming Out

To the Editor:

After reading "Moving On" in *Tapestry,* I had to sit down and write you a letter. I'm so glad that you started IFGE and *Tapestry* magazine. *I don't know where I would be today if I hadn't discovered them. It has helped me in understanding and feeling good about myself.

Just this year I'm getting out of the closet. This is the last thing I feel that is out of balance with me. I was able to go into stores on my vacation this year and buy some shoes and a few clothes. The clerks asked if they were for me, and I was comfortable telling them, yes, they were. I also got both ears pierced in February, and am comfortable with that, too.

I had trouble feeling guilty because of the church. About ten years ago I had both nipples pierced. This was the start of my coming out process. I couldn't hide it at work, so I had to start feeling comfortable with myself and my sexuality. It has been a continuing process, and I now feel like the crossdressing is the last step.

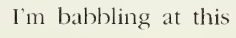
I now consider myself a pagan. I like the beliefs of the Native Americans. I have a pentagram tattooed on my left shoulder and a medicine wheel on the right side. Nobody comments on the pentagram, but I get a lot of interest in the wheel.

I hope to get to Provincetown and stop in at IFGE on the way. I am looking forward to my first outing in public and meeting my sisters.

I'll close for now. Keep up the good work and I wish you the best in the future.

My best,

Dave F.



Baby Steps

To the Editor:

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous job you have done with your magazine. I picked up my very first copy of *Tapestry* yesterday, and I knew I had to write you to express my happiness at finding a magazine that is filled with intelligent and articulate articles for those of us in the transgendered community.

I began crossdressing when I was ten years old, and did so off and on through the years. I suffered from many feelings of guilt and embarrassment. I would constantly wonder why. Why is it I enjoy wearing women's clothing? I learned to accept the fact that I enjoyed wearing women's clothes, but always considered myself a fetishist rather than a crossdresser or transvestite. After reading many of the articles, poems and reports written by CDs and identifying with them, I realized that there is a world of other men that have the same feelings, and that are leading happy lives as both men and women.

The feature by Linda Lee, "A Lifetime's Journey in a Few Hundred Feet," affected me greatly. So much so that I was able to draw on her courage to make my first phone call to my local transgender hotline. I am now eagerly awaiting my first meeting with ETVC and the Diablo Valley Girls in northern California, and the chance to speak face-to-face with other men who share my experiences and feelings. I knew that if Linda had the strength to face herself, I could. I would.

I was very impressed with the poem by Christie Woods, "Baby Steps." I enjoyed it because I also keep facial hair in order to have an excuse to keep from dressing completely. I have just shaved off my goatee, and plan on taking steps forward. I identified and was very moved.

This magazine has helped me to realize that my crossdressing is not a curse, but rather a simple gift that was given to me to make me unique. Now I cherish this gift as I try to take it further and become more open with myself, my loved ones and the community. Slowly but surely. With many thanks,

C. Garcia

Suggestions

To the Editor:

Some of us have limited resources ($) or ability to keep up with fashion styles. Some have been able to learn about makeup, and hair styles or wigs. There are differences in sexual identities (TV, TS, TG) interest in hormones or electrolysis, or preference in mates. I've come in contact with many TVs through Wildside and TSs in the Gender Clinic at the Clarke Institute. As a TS who lived with denial for many of my 37 years, I've tried to make the best of awkward meetings, letters, and group sessions.

Is it a common observation that people who are insecure about their own progress or status are most often critical of others? I'd like to believe I can guide someone to consider styles more suitable for occasions, figure or age without their being offended. I believe to pass is to fit in, not to stand out. Is there much in guidance for building a wardrobe with various budgets considered? I've read *Tapestry* for a few years, and maybe I've missed articles on fashion. I'm interested in fashions that don't go out of style within a year. We could all benefit from advice on changing styles.

Another article idea might be how to correspond through the Personal Listings. People might be more encouraged to write if there were less frustration due to unreasonable expectations. Here again, sexual preferences and identities vary, but people of differing backgrounds can have common ideas, interests, and experiences. A smart person can learn a lot from anyone. I believe people in our community need encouragement to be confident enough to get to know each other, not just know about each other.

One of my best friends is an older TV, retirement age, and has a secluded lifestyle. He's been wonderful in support, advice, gone shopping. Although he admits TSs and TVs are different animals, we have wonderful conversations, especially since we found more than feminine pursuits in common. He envies my frequent ventures, and is very rarely in public.

I met a number of people at a Be All convention, and exchanged addresses. I've written a few times, but get frustrated at the response. I'd like to suggest if people could write an expanded biography (a few pages) and get photo copies, this basic information can be assured to each correspondent. If you have a number of pen pals, an update note can be sent from time to time.

I just wish people could be confident enough to freely make friends, even though you don't know right away how much you have in common. People don't need much reassurance that you won't drop in on them, expose their lifestyle, or harass them. Personally, I wrote to a number of people averaging a four- or five-hour drive away. I might be interested in visiting while on vacation (IF INVITED) and maybe checking the local scene. Their answers to my letters were disappointing.

Because we are trying to find acceptance and appreciation for freedom of expression, I think our community should promote acceptance and appreciation of each other. One of us need not pressure a new acquaintance into sadism, or infantilism, or expect the other to consider wife-swapping or homosexuality. Would it be beneficial to recommend guidelines like keeping home addresses off limits, and meeting at restaurants or hotels? Can flexibility be promoted by expressing other than sexual activities? I think people will appreciate others if they hope to share more than 'a' certain activity. If some people limit why they want to meet others, they are limiting their ability to broaden their base of experience, and possible future involvements.

The bottom line seems to be, if what you want is all you want, you'll probably never get it.

I hope to hear from people who share my observations.

Sincerely,

Dawna Tracey

Boys Dressed As Girls

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter from Ms. Anita Rodgers in issue #70 of *Tapestry* regarding the crossdressing of males up to age six. Back in the 1930s it was

common practice in Cameron County, Pennsylvania to dress up boys as girls on holidays and Sundays. Since I grew up down there, I was dressed that way. I never knew it until I was in my late thirties! My mother finally told me and showed me photos of me dressed that way.

I started crossdressing when I was nine-years old on my own! I had my own reasons which I am leaving out.

If Ms. Rodgers has any more questions, please feel free to have her get in touch with me through *Tapestry*.

Very truly yours,

Joan Haviland

Spirit & the Community

Dear Merissa:

As to your article, I have read and reread it at least three times, and the overriding feeling that I have is, will anyone believe that what was written was true. With all the infighting of the past in our community, can our leaders and others really grasp the message of unity and individuality that your article talks about? Are they able to see and feel the wisdom of your good words without actually experiencing the situation? Can they lay down their petty differences and power plays long enough to open themselves up to something different and inspiring, as well as self-rewarding?

I suggest that even if the relating of your excellent words and feelings do not reach many, that we continue on for the benefit of our community and ourselves.

As I have said before, and in the spirit of the Haudensaunee, what we have decided today will set the path for the seventh generation. Our thinking and acting at Riusa Mesa was in keeping with this tradition. What we experienced and shared, produced thoughts that will affect many to come. The path of sharing powers is not a new one, but in our community, which has always hoarded or consumed the power of others, sharing a new and exciting experience that can benefit us all.

Many may read your article and think "Hocus Pocus," but there are many others who will read it and realize that there is a special part of the Transgendered Spirit that has remained virtually unused and will ask to be a part of Kindred Spirits. For their sake we should continue to press the issue of our "gift" and seek guidance from the Creator and within ourselves on how best to use it for all humans to make this world a better place to live in.

Thank you for the article. Thank you for your company and wisdom. Thank you for your work. Thank you for finding the time last September to share your friendship and love with me as we walked among the pines and climbed the mesas together.

Wakantanka Nissi Une,

Angela Brightfeather Sheedy

A New Voice

To the Editor:

How happy I was to read Genita L.'s article, "It's a Small world," in issue #70. She wrote a refreshingly down-to-earth and charming article.

So much of what I read in *Tapestry* outlines, suggests, or urges whatever it is its author thinks we trans-gendered should or must do; or however it is we should think, behave, organize, meditate, or feel. From all of this, Genita's plainly spoken piece was so happily different. Quite comfortable, completely at ease with herself, Genita related how we gender-blessed do our best: one-on-one. All the rhetoric, agendae, and clamoring for rights seem so bombastic compared with Genita's simple, heartfelt story.

Without phrases like "axe to grind, swell your own numbers, heal the whole world, take back what is ours, pissing into the wind yourselves, powerless and divided, and (please forgive me) we are the shamans, the teachers, the healers, the wisdom keepers and the nurturers." Genita spoke of a journey of search, sharing, learning, and growing. Hers was, probably, an unconscious allegory of an expectant homecoming, a spiritual wish to reconcile the old and the new, a sincere try to do something meaningful, and a happy surprise that yielded a new way to grow.

Many of us, because we are relatively few and quite often misunderstood, feared, isolated, and reviled, fall prey to using our antagonists' devices to lionize our (ahem) masses. This is often historically true of small, vilified groups. Tom Wolfe, in *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*, tells of The Merry Pranksters' experience at an anti-war rally in the 1960s during which Ken Kesey likens a "barnburning" speechmaker's body language to that of Mussolini. Ultimately, Kesey deflates the self-important speaker and dissolves the entire rally with his plaintive harmonica rendition of "Home on the Range," and with his spoken homespun advice on how to end the war: "Just walk away from it." And, ultimately, that is just how the war came to end.

Yes, we have some among us with the body language of Mussolini (happily, they don't share his hairstylist). And we have Genita, whose lovely tale tells more about us than we might wish to admit: we're women, and we care and we love best person-to-person. When done shepherd to sheep, our very best virtues are diluted, and, to me, they then seem a little forlorn. I feel we have quite enough of the testosterone-influenced traditions of competitions, empire building, panoply, movements, revolutions, campaigns, and arcane hierarchies replete with Pentagonese acronyms.

We will never overwhelm our antagonists with their methods, but we can underwhelm them with our blessed femininity, and with the compact strength of our transgendered brothers. It *is* a small world: each one teach one . . . with a smile as warm as Genita's.

Warmly,

Jordynne Aurora Lobo

Is It Just Me?

To the Editor:

Me, Me, Me! What can you or the community do for me? Why should I support you if you can't help me? Why should I join if you won't agree with my opinions?

These words keep cropping up. They are variants of, "What's in it for me?"

This seems to be the focus of one writer's letter in issue#70. Rather than reject the rather loose-knit transgender community because it doesn't do anything for her, the writer should be asking, "What can I do to help the community?"

Why should anyone in our community support this person's political aims, especially with the IFGE? What are her political viewpoints? Are we expected to support her simply because she is a transgendered person? Should we actively support her political aims, or just offer encouragement?

Was this writer serious? Just because she hasn't been able to find shoes in her size, she has no use for the community in general. Sounds like a silly excuse to me. It's also obvious that she hasn't really tried to find a supplier. One writer in *Brat Attack* magazine wrote, "I'm not knocking drag queens. Without them I'd never have found a pair of high heels to fit me." This writer says she can barely fit into a men's 13EEE. Why does the writer have a problem with the Harry Benjamin Institute Standards of Care? These are minimal standards and quite reasonable. After all, as unimaginable as it seems, there are those who only think they are transsexual. Also, if one can't meet the minimum of the one-year real life test, what makes one think they can make it after SRS?

The writer further claimed that in 1993, her views against an alliance with gays was met with hostility and censorship. Did she sit down with those of the opposite viewpoint and open a dialogue on this issue? I don't remember seeing anything on the subject by this writer in any publication. However, I have seen it discussed by other writers. There is room for divergent opinions. However, if one doesn't voice them, how are the rest of us supposed to know about them? We are not clairvoyant.

On this issue of alliance with gays, lesbians and bisexuals, why shouldn't we join in the fight for equal civil rights? As one writer put it, if we are read, the general population doesn't say, "There goes a transgendered person," they say, "Look at the fag!" Most people in our society don't distinguish between being gay and being transgendered. To them, we are just another part of the gay community. Also, since we are a diverse society, a microcosm of society if you will, there are transgendered people who are gay, lesbian and bisexual.

What do *Tapestry* and IFGE offer? For me, it offers a chance to read about others and what is going on in the community at large. It offers perspective on issues which affect transgendered people. It also provides insights into different aspects of the transgendered community. Also, there is the opportunity to network with others.

IFGE also attempts to educate others about our community. Time and effort is spent providing information to sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, law enforcement personnel, educators, and others. It also functions as a clearing house for information about the various groups and activities within the community. However, the IFGE cannot be all things to all people, and the staff of the organization recognizes this. That is why there are other groups and other publications.

On the downside, there is the idea that the community spends an awful amount of time partying at conventions and other social gatherings. That is, that there is a Let's dance, sing, party and have fun while the town burns, mentality. And of course, there is the idea that these events are only attended by the more affluent members of the transgender community. This is a misconception, but it still exists.

This can lead to other misconceptions. In the past, one affluent, well-known member of the community wrote that she knew of no transgendered person who is making a living "out there in the real world." Just because she doesn't know any of us doesn't mean that we don't exist. Many people living full-time are trying to fit into society as women or men and have divorced themselves from the transgendered community. Others are so busy trying to make a living that they don't have the time or the financial resources to subscribe to transgender publications, let alone attend these rather expensive conventions and social events. Because of this, they, too, are rather alienated from the transgender community at large.

There are more than two-dozen transgendered people living on my small island. Twelve of us identify as transsexuals. On a personal level, I have met several of these people, but I have only met two other transsexuals. The others I have heard of through friends or through the newspaper. I know their names and some of their addresses, but we have never met. Whatever their reasons, they wish to remain outside the transgendered community.

It's true that one can exist outside our loosely-knit community. However, it can be lonely and sometimes frustrating. We need everyone to participate in the community, no matter how diverse our opinions and ideas. We need to educate each other as well as the other members of this Earth community we share.

To paraphrase an old Greek saying made popular during the 1960s, "Ask not what the community can do for you, but rather what you can do for the community." Together, we can present a strong, unified voice! Standing alone, we are just a mob of dissenting voices.

May you always walk in light and love!

Gwendolyn Spencer
Rhode Island

Another Breast Update

To the Editor:

Many thanks for printing the update in Issue #70. It now appears that letter has sparked many more requests for the Breast Restructuring Enlarging And Stretching Technique (BREAST) 14 page information/instruction document. At this writing, I continue to be in awe of the popularity of the topic. Requests for the Breast Plan (TBP-III) are approaching the one thousand mark, and more arrive daily. The shear numbers are taxing my ability to respond quickly, and the requests for information and/or the products described in them. It has also been necessary to alter my original method of acquiring the specific development bra mentioned in my program due to the extremely high number of people who want to follow through on this non-chemical, non-intrusive, non-hormonal yet effective breast enlargement process. The new supply procedure will be faster and cheaper.

Sincerely,

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The International Scene

re: "Transgender Self Respect" by Phaedra Kelly in *Tapestry* #70

An open letter to the author:

Europeans have played the games of division under the name of so-called union long enough. Even European trans-people mirror this political disaster, as we experienced during Euro-Fantasia in 1993 and 1994.

When I met you in Denmark in May 1994, I considered you a little wiser than you turned out to be. I haven't expected to read such words of arrogance (pride) and division from an individual who pretends to travel the world in order to unify their transgendered sisters and brothers. But it seems to me that for you it is obviously easier to point at dressed people with an undressed finger.

If you claim that homosexuals are only obsessed with sex and, hence, have no self-identity, then also claim that transgendered people are only a bunch of worthless and fetishistic perverts. Isn't all that so ridiculous and boring? Why do you repeat the mental illnesses and verbal ejaculations of some phallocratic psychiatrists? Does it make sense to play *straight* games? Have you never heard of "Divide and conquer"?

I do not want to build up my own self-respect and identity by denying another minority's identity and history. To learn from them and to teach about us, to overcome mutual anxieties and prejudices, that's my goal and my task. Merissa S. Lynn once wrote a letter to the European TG community where she explained her ideas. Every paragraph ended with the question, "What do you want?"

Sincerely,

Eva Kröcher,
Germany

Thoughts From Down Under

Dear Friends,

Our magazine *TRANSCARE* went out of existence following the publication of the June, 1994 issue. We no longer have access to free printing facilities, and it is too costly to have to pay for it. Naturally, I am rather disappointed with the outcome, but my own income today is barely sufficient to live on, so sadly there is nothing further I can do about this situation.

Also, I am no longer able to maintain the extensive letter writing to all and sundry overseas as I once did, my eyesight is sufficiently bad that I must essentially avoid as much stress as possible - and that at times isn't as ideal as I would hope.

The recent *DSM IV* publication reviewed in Kymberleigh Richards's magazine *Cross-Talk* by JoAnn Roberts is a welcome breakthrough, but JoAnn made no mention as to the continuing validity of the Standards of Care for transsexuals which often aren't followed. In New Zealand there is no competent, qualified Health Specialist to provide adequate in-depth two-year counselling anyway. Declassifying Crossdressing/TV and TS as a mental Illness is a big step forward BUT it will take rather too long for society, Governments and health professionals Internationally to accept this and change their over-all attitudes. It could mean the loss of Government Assisted State-funded benefits for example. In New Zealand, most TSs and some TVs live on invalid benefits on the basis that they have 1) a mental illness (albeit imposed by society), and 2) are unable to obtain work because the state-funded Employment Service will not assist them, many being poorly educated anyway.

In my view, the TS and indeed some TVs, too (due to society's thinking) need self-educating that what they do is not an illness, is not harmful and is acceptable for them, provided they understand the good points, the problems and the pitfalls. All need essential initial councelling—but not necessarily ongoing councelling once they understand their situation and come to grips with it. However, those contemplating SRS do need in-depth, ongoing help if only to weed out the pseudo TS and the homosexual TS who can too often end in suicide after the SRS. This is an area where the councelling too often falls down. John Money, in a Newspaper interview in USA stated that access to SRS is on the decline, but that those who he dealt with had adequate councelling and made a success after SRS because of this. But this is not the case in all too many instances. So-called Gender Clinics did not necessarily function in the best interest of the TS client.

It also seems to me at least within New Zealand, where there is a large ethnic and polynesian population, that too many would-be TSs are really homosexually oriented, involved frequently in prostitution and have limited education, and this understanding of what it's all about. Motives and reasons for SRS are confused, to say the least. Hence the high suicide rate talked about but not statistically documented.

As material enclosed points out, it is a High Court Judge's opinion (thank God he wasn't one of those other kind) that the post-op TS should be permitted to marry. I can but assume this will lead to accepting relationships between two people of the same sex, i.e., gays, too.

BUT where does this leave the pre-op who isn't going all the way? What is their legal status and rights, and right to a meaningful relationship with someone too, if wanted.

Of course the Transgendered in New Zealand do not have HUMAN RIGHTS status as do the gays, and the Government has yet to amend the Births Deaths and Marriages Act anyway. Will they ever, in the current politically confused climate looming ahead?

I note regrettably that all too few transgendered groups made mention of the 1994 Stonewall March outcome. OH, YES, THE MARCH WAS TALKED ABOUT, especially not including the Transgendered in the heading, BUT what about the PETITION and its final wording, and its presentation to The United Nations and its request? Gays in NZ know nothing about this. No one in the USA did any world-wide outreach International consultation at all in spite of someone supposedly responsible for this on the Committee who seemed out for their own good. There was a marked lack of International consultation overall, rather an attempt to dictate—in the self-interests of Americans alone. Perhaps the UN should be told this? Indeed, were it not for IFGE sending me info, I wouldn't know anything either. I have still seen nothing in writing confirming the outcome, or final wording of the petition.

I trust this gives some food for thought, helps with their NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, too, so that maybe, just

maybe, we will see some positive outcome in 1995.

Overall, what I write should also have some bearing on the outcome of the 1995 International Congress on Crossdressing, etc., in California. Although invited to attend and present a Paper, distance and costs prevent this - BUT - I hope some intelligent CD will take up what I write and include my views in their presentations.

Perhaps the time has come for some form of standardised handout material being recommended by those such as IFGE to be implemented through Health Professional funding in all countries where the idiot shrinks exist and abide by the *DSM* publications that are freely available and accessible at all GPs—General Medical Practitioners' rooms, Hospital Councelling Centres, and Endocrinology Clinics which clearly set out sets of standardised guidelines to help the TV and the TS when they first come to take their first step in the right direction so as to avoid the errors we in the past were hit by. Include a list of recognised support groups Internationally who can provide further help, etc. I wonder if I'll ever see this in my country during my remaining 30-odd years. CANNOT THE UNHC fund this?

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Like Aphrodite, bedewed with pearls,
Risen from my bath,
My silk-soft skin water-saturated,
I dry myself with the greatest of care.

Spread out in the bedroom
Lies all my finery.
Before going in there
I tie back my hair.

Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Am I the fairest of them all?
Alas! poor wretch,
You are nothing of the kind.

Naughty mirror! Now for the long,
Patient and delicate task of my make-up.
First there is foundation,
Shameless yet modest, of my maiden face.

Then those dear colours, whose duty is
To enhance its charms.
Come now let me dress those laughing eyes,
The messenger of my soul.

Lashes long and curled, fine brows and eyelids,
Will follow the cheeks and other sculpted planes.
At last, to finish off my looks, my lips,
Which so indiscreetly reveal my passion.

Dear brush, now you must discipline
Those long, sensual locks which I have again tousled.
Now for the nails; just a touch of the file,
Two coats of polish, and so it is done.

Now the serious tasks begin;
So let me unveil my innermost parts for ease...
Silky stockings on the legs,
A suspender-belt for support.

At the foot of the bed, spread wide, there waits impatiently
My long, strapless dress of satin moire, my favourite.
No, you must wait your turn. Now is the turn of the necklace
Which tempts me from its little decorated coffer.

To adorn my ears, feverishly I choose
Some heavy earrings enriched with glittering diamonds.
Oh! what a feeling... Now it is your turn!
As my fingers approach, the satin sighs and wakes.

I put it on, and, as the bodice assumes its place,
My bosom lovingly swells in its caress.
With difficulty I fasten the hook.
The difficulty is over... The rest closes easily.

By a chair my shoes are arguing.
There! I lift my skirt, and harmony is restored;
The right foot gently slips first into its glove,
And the left. The dispute is over.

The satin at once tells the tale,
With voice and touch,
Of all my acts and gestures,
Whispering of my beauty.

I ask my mirror to confirm.
Yes! she says, it is time to finish.
Resting near my fan,
There lies my handbag, agape.

I feed it with my bits and pieces.
This evening I shall try on a new, untried, companion,
To aid me in my conquests.
There it is, spread out on the bedhead.

A wide veil of satin muslin, cunningly woven,
Which will cover my shoulders, thanks to two precious clasps.
A watch. A bracelet to encircle my wrists.
Perhaps a cameo or a beautiful, brilliant aquamarine.

My fan...my purse... There, I am ready.
And now, dear mirror on the wall,
Am I the fairest one of all?
Yes! You are perfect.

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The Challenge
Relationships & the Transgendered

by Lauren Hotchkiss

Beyond the obvious challenge of living a lifestyle for which we have not been trained or conditioned, there comes the further difficulty of integrating a relationship with a significant other into our lives.

For some of us, the situation arises during the relationship, and so we must try to work with our spouse to redefine a relationship which began on a different basis. Others of us must contend with the prospect of initiating a relationship with this consideration in mind. This can be a somewhat intimidating prospect because of our fear of being rejected due to our choice of gender status.

Though we are consistently moving forward toward the goal of self-acceptance, and are learning to become more comfortable with ourselves, still we are challenged by the real and imagined judgments of others. This fear of judgment can be particularly intimidating when it involves a person or persons for whom we care a great deal.

It is often difficult for people outside the gender community to perceive the difference between sex and gender. They often assume that if one is transgendered, it must also mean that they are gay, or at best bisexual. This is, however, not necessarily the case. Recent polls have shown a substantial majority of our community is heterosexually oriented, with the remainder divided between gay, lesbian, bisexual and asexual orientations.

What I have found interesting, in talking to persons of many different segments of the gender community, is that the same relationship challenges present themselves despite differences in sexual or gender orientation.

I wonder whether part of our motivation in crossdressing stems from the fact that we are perhaps subconsciously trying to transform ourselves into the mate that we have never found. We have been so conditioned to believe that we must look outside of ourselves in order to find someone with whom we can become complete, though constantly disappointed in the attempt, that we have lost sight of the fact that wholeness comes from within. Because of this misconception, we have found it necessary to create this second person within ourselves, and manifest them externally in order to fill a self-perceived void.

What, though, are "masculine" and "feminine" but outmoded socio-sexist concepts that no longer have any purpose. Perhaps at one time they were necessary for humankind's survival, but that time is now long past. I feel it is time to leave behind this gender role separatism so that we can open ourselves up to the next level of our evolution.

Perhaps one day the time will come when we will no longer have to think in terms of "crossdressing," or of expressing the "appropriate" gender, but in just being ourselves.

It occurs to me that perhaps in order for the transgendered person to have a successful relationship, it requires finding a partner who is in touch with his or her own bisexuality (at least on an energy level); someone who is attracted to a person who is capable of manifesting both the male and female essences of their inner self.

Although these are interesting points, I certainly don't claim to have any "answers," nor can I claim to be any kind of expert, not having been able to save my own marriage. I did not then have the consciousness to do what I needed to do to be at peace with myself. I've dated a couple of times since my separation, but somehow it just hasn't felt right for me yet; perhaps as much due to the after-effects of my divorce as it is to fear of rejection due to my gender orientation.

One thing I have noticed that has shifted in me, though, is the desperate "need" I once felt around "having" to be in a relationship in order to be happy. Yes, I sometimes feel lonely, but I feel that being lonely is preferable to living a lie. I don't want to again be in a situation of having a partner with whom I must pretend to be something that I am not, nor do I want to prematurely get into a relationship that is not right, out of desperation, and repeat the same mistakes.

Because I often present myself androgynously, and use feminine gestures even as a man, women often perceive me as gay. I have wondered lately if I use this as a defense to keep from getting involved. I'm not sure. It's an area I'm still exploring.

Though I am not currently putting any energy into putting myself into situations where I might meet a potential mate, I am keeping an open mind toward what the future may hold for me.

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Gender Manifesto

a selection from THE APARTHEID OF SEX

A MANIFESTO ON THE FREEDOM OF GENDER

by Martine Rothblatt

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Professor Sylvia Law, a noted legal scholar, recently argued that *a core feminist claim is that women and men should be treated as individuals, not as members of a sexually determined class.* This is also a theme that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg emphasized in her lawsuits as a women's rights advocate: *Nurturing children in my ideal world would not be a woman's priority, it would be a human priority.* This new feminism rejects sex-based differences among people as wholly irrelevant to any socioeconomic purpose. As Simone de Beauvoir noted some four decades ago: *One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman.*

It is but a short step from the new feminist thinking to our thesis. If sex-based differences are irrelevant, then what is the point of saying one is either male or female? While there is often a medical reality to sex-based differences, this does not justify a carryover of sex typing to the social, economic, and legal spheres of life. There are innumerable medical differences among people, such as diabetes or propensity to heart disease, but this does not justify the creation of an involuntary culture of difference about such medical conditions.

The feminist insistence upon seeing individuals as individuals, regardless of sexual biology, can now he carried to its next logical step: individuals *are* individuals, not sex types. Labeling people as male or female, upon birth, exalts biology over sociology. Instead the new feminist principles inspire us to permit all people to self-identify their sexual status along a broad continuum of possibilities and to create such cultures of gender as human ingenuity may develop.

The bimodal segregation of people into men and women has oppressed women from the time of the ancients. As Margaret Mead observed in her 1949 treatise *Male and Female,* the effect of creating artificial expectations for each sex is to "limit the humanity of the other sex." As we gradually free ourselves from stamping newborn babies as one sex or the other, gender expectations will become self-defining and the full cultural liberation of all people can occur at last.

Scientific Developments

Soon after feminism opened academia's eyes to the reality that people with vaginas were no different socioeconomically from people with penises, scientific research began to accumulate data that blurred even the biological differences between supposed sex types. As of 1990 Johns Hopkins University sexologist Dr. John Money was able to summarize research in this area: "Despite the multiplicity of apparent sex differences, those that are immutable and irreducible are few. They are specific to reproduction men impregnate, and women menstruate, gestate, and lactate.... However, in light of contemporary experimental obstetrics, being pregnant is no longer an absolutely immutable sex difference. The hormones and stimuli required for normal fetal development are intrinsic and within the early embryo."

Dr. Money was referring to recent experiments in which male baboons were made to serve as surrogate mothers for zygotes fertilized in the test tube. The embryos grew in a fatty cavity near the intestines and were delivered by cesarean section as healthy infants. In a similar vein, Dr. Money reported on ectopic pregnancies in women whose wombs had previously been removed and on zygotes that implanted themselves in the small intestine and grew their own placenta—with the implication that a man could have carried the embryo as well. All of these cases strongly suggest that even nurturance of a child, with technological help, is not an absolute biological imperative of any one subclass of humans.

Further scientific advances in the areas of genetic engineering and neonatal care foretell the likelihood that a zygote might be formed from the chromosomes of two women or of two men, assuming the necessary biochemical codes that enable cellular union are learned. Once this scientific threshold is passed, the axiom that "men impregnate" will no longer be strictly true. Of course, one need not wait for this science-fiction scenario to occur: as long as sperm banks and in vitro fertilization exist, the relevance of men's monopoly on impregnation disappears. Impreg-

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nation becomes a commodity. And as long as surrogate motherhood is legally available, the relevance of women's monopoly on gestation disappears. Gestation becomes a commodity.

Scientific developments have blurred the differences between supposed sex types to a greater degree than most people imagine. Feminism tells us that the differences between sexual biology are irrelevant to socioeconomic behavior. And science tells us that the differences between sexual biology are remarkably few and disappearing rapidly.

It might be argued that science masks true sexual differences, since men do impregnate naturally, and women do gestate and lactate naturally. But this argument seems unpersuasive: it could just as well be said that since most men are stronger than most women, men must do "heavy work," and since women lactate naturally, they must be the ones to care for infants. Yet thanks to science and technology, heavy work can be done with the pushing of buttons and infant formula can be dispensed from a bottle. Science did not mask "true" differences between sexes, it just made those differences irrelevant in everyday life, allowing us to achieve the continuum of sex types that are possible today.

Martine & Family

Transgenderism

A grass-roots movement called transgenderism developed during the 1980s. The guiding principle of this movement is that people should be free to change, either temporarily or permanently, the sex type to which they were assigned since infancy. Transgenderism makes manifest the continuum nature of sex types because even if a sex type was real at birth, it can now be changed at will during, one's life.

There are two main types of persons in the movement: transsexuals and cross-dressers. Transsexuals use sex hormones and sometimes plastic surgery to change their anatomy toward the other sex type. The results are so persuasive that rarely can a "new man" or "new woman" be distinguished from a biological original. Over a thousand persons a year actually have sex change surgery, and many more than this number simply use hormones to change their facial hair, voice. and physique. What sex type are these persons? The law calls them the sex of their genitals, but in reality they are occupying a vast middle ground on a continuum of sex types.

The cross-dressers use attitude, clothing, and perhaps makeup to give the appearance of belonging to the other sex or to an androgynous middle ground. Most modern women may be considered cross-dressers since they often wear clothing normally intended for men. What is a new phenomenon is the rapidly rising number of men who wear women's clothing. Because a male-dominated society frowns on its members mimicking the "inferior" female class, male cross-dressers are usually, deep in the closet.

In questioning why there is a growing transgenderism movement, we reach to the heart of the question of sex typing. Transgendered people of all types normally report that they feel a need to express a gender identity different from the one society associates with their genitals. Leading psychologists explain this need by positing that the transgendered person's neonatal brain was at least partially feminized (or masculinized) while their genitals were masculinized (or feminized). But if the new feminism and scientific research is correct, there are no "male" and "female" brains. Even if there were, is it reasonable to posit that brain patterns can dictate a need to wear one or another type of clothing? Do all the women who wear blue jeans and T-shirts have masculinized transgendered brains?

A more likely explanation is that sex is a continuum along which people, if allowed, will flow naturally to a comfortable resting point. What that resting point is depends upon the same complex of mental propensities and chance socialization that leads people to adopt one or another career, hobby, or religion. It is a matter not of "male" and "female" brains, but of chance orientations toward primal responses such as "aggression" or "nurturance," limited by social pressures. Modern female cross-dressing represents gender creativity unconstrained by social rejection. Male cross-dressing is rare because society frowns on male gender creativity.

For most people society's gender rules are so powerful that they simply go with the flow. But in every society there are the free spirits, the

stubborn, and the insistent. In the 1960s they fought for civil rights. In the 1990s they fight for gender rights. The grass-roots transgender movement represents those people who are brave enough to risk some opprobrium to explore the gender continuum. Once that opprobrium is eliminated, the ranks of gender and sex-type explorers is sure to increase manyfold.

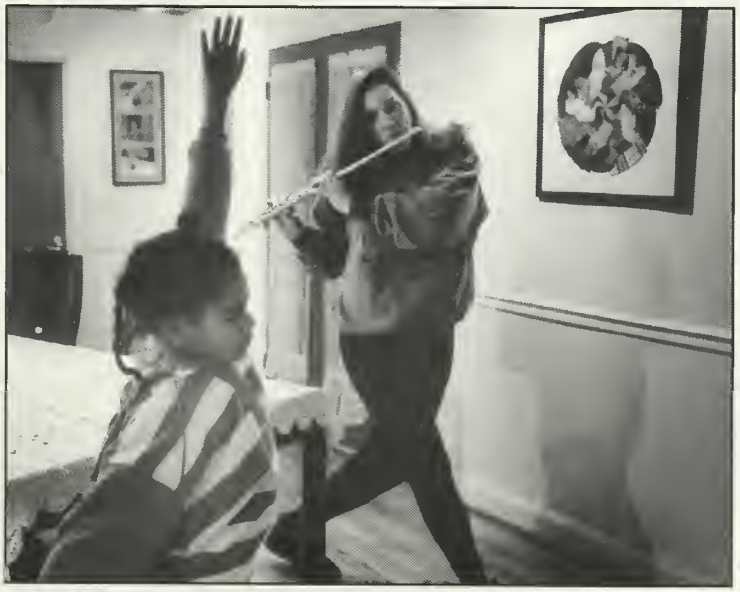
The Apartheid of Sex

We live under an apartheid of sex. At birth we are cast into a sex type based on our genitals. From then on we are brainwashed into a sex-type-appropriate culture called gender. Women can mimic (but not too much) the powerful entrenched men. But men who try to be "womanish" face the kind of vicious scorn reserved for traitors or the humiliation accorded masters who identified with slaves.

Like the apartheid of race, blurring of class boundaries is the gravest offense because it challenges the reality of the division of reality. Hence the old feminist doctrine of "separate but equal" was more acceptable to the male power structure, because they knew that it would never occur. But the new feminist doctrine of sexual continuity is threatening—it destroys the male-dominated power structure completely. If there are no hard and fast sex types, then there can be no apartheid of sex. If there is no apartheid of sex, then there is no entrenched birthright of power—people must achieve on their own. To men threatened by economics and social survival, loss of birthright superiority is frightening.

The apartheid of sex is every bit as harmful, painful, and oppressive as is the apartheid of race. When people are categorized at birth into a sociolegal class on the basis of chance biology, they will be socialized into a segregated culture. Once they are so socialized, human potential will be repressed, for the mind does not know boundaries except for those imposed upon it from outside. Countless millennia of female oppression and male frustration, of gynacide and warfare, is our legacy of sexual apartheid.

The apartheid of sex is too ancient to be dismantled overnight. But there are concrete steps that can start the process of liberating humanity's future. Among them:



Adopting resolutions in the psychological and medical com-munity to the effect that sex is a freely choosable human behavior and not a necessary consequence of chromosomal or genital configuration. While male and female categories are useful to group biological characteristics for medical purposes, these same categories have socially detrimental effects when used outside the field of medicine.

Adopting laws that prohibit the classification of people according to sex type except for bona fide medical purposes.

Adopting educational curricula and entertainment programming that encourage the concept of self-defined sex and gender and that discourage solely male or female approaches to sex and gender.

Sex should really be the sum of behaviors we call gender—an adjective, not a noun. People should explore genders. When they settle on a set of gender behaviors, the name for that set describes their sex. There are billions of sex types: from Rambo to Oprah, from Madonna to Costner, from deep blue to blood red, and a vast rainbow of androgynous possibilities in between. The important point is that gender exploration should come first, through free choice, and that sex is just the label for one's chosen gender.

Today we go about the matter of sex ass backward. A male or female label is first imposed upon us without choice. We are then trained to adopt a set of appropriate gender behaviors, whether we

like them or not. We have some flexibility in our particular choice of gender behavior, but not much choice, lest we fall afoul of the apartheid of sex. However, feminism, technology, and transgenderism have debunked the myth of a "male and female" world. Life has much more gender potential than we can imagine.

As we break free of the chains of sexual apartheid, we will establish a new human culture of unparalleled creativity in personal development. From *Homo sapiens*, literally the "wise man," shall emerge our new species, Persona Greatas, the "creative person." From the subjugation of women shall emerge the sensitization of men. And from the apartheid of sex shall evolve the freedom of gender.

IFGE Publications is now taking preorders for Ms. Rothblatt}s new publication, THE APARTHEID OF SEX. Contact us at (617) 899-2212 for further information

Jump Start

a review of THE APARTHEID OF SEX
A MANIFESTO ON THE FREEDOM OF GENDER

by Nancy Nangeroni

Every so often someone comes along with a vision that cuts like a knife through some fallacy which, after the cutting, lies exposed for all to regard in wonder why they didn't see it for themselves.

It's a pleasure to see a brother or sister from the transgender community getting published. My instinct is to help promote their work, out of support and respect for their effort and towards promoting the well-being of transgender folk. However, after reading 30 or 40 pages of Martine Rothblatt's *THE APARTHEID OF SEX*, I wondered if I could finish it. I had encountered enough logical flaws that I wondered if the book could be taken seriously. The topic is as grand as can be, but many of the arguments are less than airtight. I spoke with friends about what I should do. They encouraged me to finish the book and write a review that builds on the strengths of the book. By helping to hone our thinking, I could help strengthen our community.

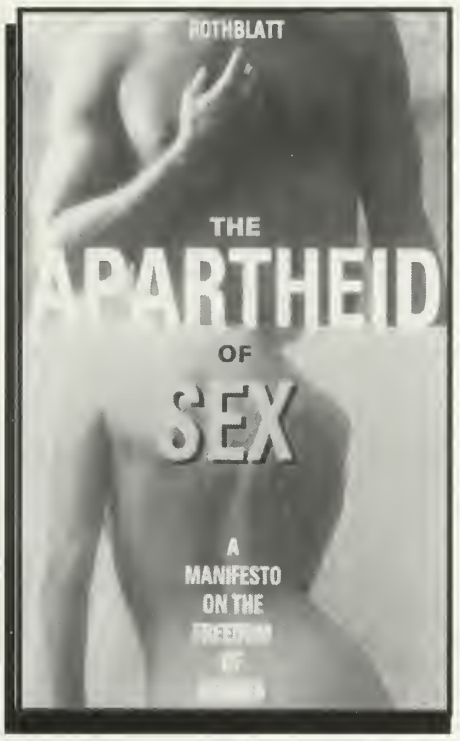
So I finished the book. To my surprise, when I suspended my judgment of each of the book's arguments, and instead considered its broader themes, I found myself becoming fascinated. The reading became a wandering down exciting new avenues of understanding. I emerged at the end with a profound new dimension to my thinking and a deep respect for this work.

The book starts out with the thought-provoking statement that the separation of people by sex will one day be regarded as comparable to segregation based on skin color. This is the central thesis, the remainder of the text is a presentation of arguments pro and con.

Flawed statements too often jumped out at me as I read. One example: "Transsexuals use sex hormones and sometimes plastic surgery to change their anatomy toward the other sex type. The results are so persuasive that rarely can a 'new man' or 'new woman' be distinguished from a biological original." Certainly there's some truth in this, but there's also some exaggeration, which—at least in this reader's mind—diminishes the author's credibility.

Some questionable underlying philosophy rears its head in the opening sentences of chapter two. "The final liberation of humanity from its animal past requires..." as if such liberation were a commonly accepted imperative. It seems to me that we've strayed too far from our mother earth and a recognition of our inherent ties to all living things. This notion of a need to divorce ourselves from our 'animal past' seems to me not just presumptuous, but wrong.

The book succeeds in providing some powerfully concise statements of the basic issues in sex/gender discrimination. "Once a category is established, it is typically human to start investing it with attributes and to reinforce the reality of those attributes with training and social sanctions. Gender becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy, imposed from childhood until it is part of our nature." And, "There are no two brain sexes—each person is brain-sex unique." It provides brilliant insight into the secret fear of many men with a quote from the Greek philosopher Cato on women, "Once they have achieved equality, they will be your masters." Other gifts to the reader include an insightful look at why the scientific process tends to



operate in support of status quo.

The book repeatedly points out in the clearest possible terms the directions others might take in furthering the adoption of change. "The new paradigm of a natural continuum of sexual identity provides a lot of work for lawyers in dismantling the old but omnipresent apartheid of sex. The elimination of sex as a basis for marriage, a label at birth, and a recurring checkbox or door sign in life will not come about easily. But the rewards are well worth the effort." It also points out that transsexuals are well suited to be the agents of change for sexually discriminatory marriage laws.

The text makes a mistake, though, in repeatedly pressing the flawed argument that the existence of a gray area renders invalid any recognition of difference. The conclusion that our sexual apartheid is no longer (presuming it ever was) justifiable certainly has merit, but the existence of men as distinct from women does not lack a rational basis. (Were this so, there would be nobody to blame for the evils of the patriarchy.) Most people identify with the categories of man and woman, male and female. There must be some basis for their identification with these categories. Such difference does not necessarily justify legal distinction, yet the existence of people who do not neatly fit into the categories does not bear in the argument over the injustice of legal discrimination. Virtually all categorization becomes problematic at its borders, including criminal/non-criminal, true/false, and man/woman, yet our society and our science is predicated on categorization.

A similar fallacy that the book seems to embrace is the notion that the existence of exceptional people disproves the existence of a tendency. That's like saying that because someone can easily lift 200 pounds, we should not recognize that there are people for whom such is not the case. For most people, that's too much weight to lift safely, and failure to recognize this fact can be dangerous to a person's health. Likewise, the existence of exceptional men and women does not disprove the existence of sex-based tendencies, although it does call into question the causes of those tendencies.

Is categorization itself the culprit? This question the book seems ready and willing to answer, but with reasoning which is at best weak. Categorization is a potent tool for haters and power-mongers. Like the gun, though, we cannot easily rid ourselves of it. Rather, it is another evil with which we have little choice but to make our best peace.

A more promising avenue for exploration might be the questioning of involuntary assignment to category. After all, it is the stricture that prevents the individual from exploring the path of their own choosing that is most offensive. Freeing the individual to choose their role or category from

what is happening now in the transgender community. We are changing categories with increasing freedom, and sometimes creating new ones for ourselves. The largest impediment to doing so is often—but not always—our own fear of disapproval. It is this internal as well as external impediment that we seek to diminish by changing certain aspects of the structure of our society.

The text argues that general differences between men and women are "insignificant." I can't agree. If all difference were insignificant, there would be neither gays nor lesbians. Difference can be significant, but should not be presumed to be. It's tempting to grant technology the benefit of leveling the playing field for all of us, but the evidence (unrelenting social stratification) argues against this. One thing it has done is freed us, for the most part, from dependence on physical strength. In so doing it eliminates one advantage available to those with an abundance of natural steroids in their system.

I can't share the trust the text puts in biotechnology when it states, "All that will be left of a male or female difference will be reproductive systems that social choice and biotechnology can make available to any person, regardless of anatomical birthright." Such an idealist view is appealing, yet this again ignores the fact that our technology does not make itself equally available to all persons. Rather, it acts in support of an economic apartheid. The text also joins the masses in ignoring the history of technology, which not only fails to deliver on its promises, but often delivers an unexpectedly nasty by-product.

Shortcomings notwithstanding, *The Apartheid of Sex* takes a large step towards exposing one of the central fallacies of our society. Though falling short of definitive, it nonetheless provides a much needed jump start to the otherwise foundering movement towards true "equality of the sexes." In so doing, it further realizes the potential of the transgender movement to be pivotal in exposing and correcting sex- and gender-based social injustice.

One last thought: Consider, if you will, what happens when we ask, "Why is something so?" In many cases the answer is simply a fabricated attempt to explain the status quo. In particular, asking why the government differentiates sexuality is a little bit like asking "Why do we drive on the right?" It is something that was created by people long since gone, and continues to exist by virtue of insufficiently compelling reason to change. Thus, an exclusive focus on answering objections to change misses the most important point. Any existing, pervasive system provides some level of comfort in its constancy. Any suggestion of change gives rise to emotions of insecurity. The rhetoric of objection, however valid, often masks the objection based on these fears. Simply rebutting the rhetoric fails to address the very human need for assurance that things will work out OK. This need demands compassion for adherents to the status quo, and consideration of the emotions that the proposed change might arouse.

We, the proponents of elimination of the apartheid of sex, need to address these feelings. Let us not make the mistake of fomenting change from a strictly rational basis. It is emotion which drives our actions most powerfully. Let us not allow emotional manipulation to occur subliminally. Rather, let us raise the importance of consideration of emotion to a realistic level. Change will be driven by emotion, guided by reason. Let us take the wheel, consciously and purposefully.

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The Splendor of Gender

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The Splendor of Gender—that phrase denotes a celebration of gender diversity and the first of its kind gender workshop recently offered in Florida's Tampa Bay area. On November 18th & 19th a ten-hour seminar was held at the Marriott Hotel located at Tampa International Airport. The Splendor of Gender Workshop, hosted by Tampa Stress Center and the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS), dealt exclusively with the issues faced by transsexuals, transgenderists, and those who crossdress.

The Splendor Workshop was well past due here in Florida. I was very excited, both as a transsexual woman and as an individual who provides services to our community to see so much offered in the way of education, personal growth, and a sense of community. The Splendor Workshop was designed to provide continuing education to mental health professionals and to allow our own gender community to become informed consumers in the process.

The presenters were a mix of professionals who work with our community. The Tampa Stress Center, a local gender team comprised of psychological, medical and allied professionals, brought together six presenters from differing fields of interest. The presenters included Pascual Bidot, M.D. (hormonal treatment); Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D. (psychotherapy); Dallas Denny, M.A. (director of AEGIS); Eugene A. Schrang, M.D. (sex reassignment surgery); Barbara Warren, Psy.D. (writes extensively on gender issues); and Kimberly L. Westwood (blend electrology).

Kimberly Westwood, *presenter* & **Leslee M. Anthony**, *event staff and photographer.*

As organizer of the Splendor Workshop, the Tampa Stress Center decided to put on a show that would be noticed. We booked our seminar at the posh Marriott Hotel next to the Tampa International Airport. Besides lovely meeting areas and accommodations, the night-time view is glorious! The location was a perfect setting. Attending mental health professionals and the gender community were pleased. As a friend later commented, "The hotel staff accepted us openly . . . and gave us that 'warm and fuzzy feeling.'"

For those of you not familiar with the Tampa Bay area, we're located on the gulf coast—about seventy miles from Orlando and the Disney World complex. Although our gender community is large in number, a sense of openness and inclusion does not seem to be as noticeable here as in other cities with a large gender population. We hoped the Splendor Workshop would provide the necessary setting to bring people together, not only physically, but in spirit as well.

Being the first of its kind, we decided to step out of the closet with a little flare. We shared news of the Splendor Workshop with local support groups and the local media. And the media *did* pay attention. And WOW, Tampa Bay, welcome to the nineties! Yes, we do exist—and not just on Geraldo.

Through local newspaper articles, radio shows and a television

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Left to right: **Dallas Denny, M.A., Barbara Warren, Psy.D., Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D.,** *at an open discussion with the audience at the close of Friday's proceedings.*

appearance just hours before the beginning of our seminar, Tampa Bay began the process of acknowledging, understanding, and finally accepting our transgendered presence. The *Tampa Tribune* wrote a lengthy and decidedly positive piece on transsexualism and The Splendor of Gender Workshop. Two radio shows discussed the seminar with Dr. Carl Bushong, one of the presenters. And finally the Kathy Fountain Show, a local TV talk show which is also syndicated into other areas, featured Dr. Bushong and Dr. Warren, two of the six presenters. Dr. Warren later commented on the audience's acceptance of transsexualism and other forms of gender diversity.

Seeing others' acceptance was beautiful, but even more important was watching our self-acceptance grow. Sisters who attended were not only from local support groups, some were unaffiliated and others came from out of state. And what a difference! Some who before were timid in their feminine expression seemed to come alive before our eyes. Remember, the setting was not in a small motel room or in an alternate lifestyle bar, but at a major airport hotel complex! And attitude shifts did not stop with a much needed dose of self-esteem. We all left more informed, and much more in control of our lives.

Each presenter made a presentation that grew out of their role in the transgender community.

Dr. Carl Bushong, Ph.D., director of the Tampa Stress Center, is a psychotherapist who deals extensively with transsexuals and crossdressers, and is the central figure on our local gender team. "He is the team leader," as Eugene Schrang, M.D., said. "Carl is like the quarterback, giving the other team professionals the direction needed during the overall treatment process." Dr. Bushong, the workshop's host, gave the opening address to the conference.

Like any good psychotherapist, Dr. Bushong helps his patients with the inevitable adjustments to their chosen gender, and also acts as a helper and facilitator with other professionals. Of course the best outcomes occur when our therapist is also our teacher and our guide. Dr. Bushong discussed the ways in which we can choose a good therapist—someone who will be an advocate. He also released an important paper, "Multi-dimensionality of Gender." His paper describes five different attributes other practitioners (and their clients) can use to better understand gender. Dr. Bushong plans to write a lay version of this scientific article for the gender community.

Dallas Denny, M.A., director of the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS), set the tone of the transgendered/transsexual experience with her presentation. Even with many past experiences remembered, I was awakened by her slide presentation, "Gender-A Historical Perspective." The portraits shown were of our transgendered ancestry. The people depicted were remarkable in their ability to convey emotion and understanding. I watched and looked into the faces, into the eyes of others who had preceded me. I realized these people helped make my dream a reality. Dallas's narration, her way of showing our community's transition, was beautiful. As the story unfolded, I felt suspense, poignancy, and a

Left to right: **Dallas Denny, M.A., Eugene Schrang, M.D., Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D., Kimberly Westwood, C.C.E.**

Dr. Carl W. Bushong
delivers the opening address.

happy ending. For many, that happy ending was not so much felt from the on-screen ending as it was displayed in the audience. We, the transgendered men and women present, are succeeding to a great extent because of others' groundwork.

Many have heard of Eugene Schrang, M.D., the Wisconsin-based surgeon specializing in male-to-female gender reassignment. I had the pleasure of speaking with Dr. Schrang after the seminar. He is very friendly, very accommodating. Dr. Schrang appears to be a man who loves women—their presence, their form—and it shows in his work. Dr. Schrang's slide presentation did justice to the enormous undertaking of turning male into female anatomy. Again, I was interested in looking at the faces. Unlike Dallas's portraits, this time I was fascinated by the audience as much as by the on-screen surgery. Some looked away. Most looked in amazement as the patient, already feminized by hormones, first underwent breast augmentation, and then genital modification. Dr. Schrang ended his presentation with slides of genetic females along with some of his SRS patients. Dr. Schrang needed to let the audience in on which was which!

Barbara Warren, Psy.D., is director of the Mental Health and Social Services Program for the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City. She writes extensively on gender differences and transsexualism. Dr. Warren, a dynamic speaker, caused the transgendered members of the audience to realize a renewed sense of self-worth. She destroyed the false goddess of "passing" through her assertion that femininity, or even femaleness, is no less "real or experienced" for the transsexual/transgendered woman.

Pascual Bidot, M.D., is a board-certified endocrinologist and a specialist in metabolism whose professional interests include the hormonal aspects of transsexualism. Dr. Bidot's slide presentation clearly showed the complexity of readjusting a male metabolism to a female metabolism. In the past, I have seen physicians lambaste us for taking too many hormones, explaining excess hormone doses are like a glass of water-it cannot be filled past the brim. Unfortunately, I never understood the process in real terms, and more importantly, what the alternatives are. Because of Dr. Bidot's detailed discussion, I'm happy to say that hormonal management does offer better and safer solutions. These solutions produce not only better health, but an increased degree of feminization.

Kimberly Westwood, C.C.E., also of Tampa Stress Center, is a blend technique electrologist. Well, enough of referring to myself in the third person. Electrolysis is just a generic term used to describe several methods of permanent hair removal, and treatment technique varies greatly. I discussed these widespread differences and the importance, both practical and psychological, of ridding oneself of facial hair before crossliving. Practical examples were given of how the client can tell if her electrologist is being safe and effective, and how to pass up those practitioners who may do harm. I discussed my practice, and stated that my best results were seen with blend electrology. The blend method, when performed knowledgeably, saves the client time and money—it kills about 50-75% of the hair follicles treated. There is absolutely no reason why the process of permanent hair removal shouldn't leave your skin, your complexion, anything but beautiful.

At the workshop's end, we distributed a questionnaire to give us an idea of what those attending thought of the conference. The general response was absolutely great. Some of the comments noted were, "Fantastic! . . . This [experience] has really opened my eyes, and made me feel proud. . . . Hope you offer more workshops." And, yes, we're planning on it.

We knew this would be an important event, but not all would be able to attend. So we videotaped the conference and are in the process of producing the videotaped highlights of the workshop. Please look for the Splendor of Gender video in the upcoming months.

And a special note of thanks to Yvonne Cook-Riley and IFGE for their kind donation of current and back issues of *Tapestry* which were offered to those attending the Splendor of Gender Workshop. IFGE's presence was certainly felt as several professionals as well as unaffiliated sisters were surprised in seeing the many faces and community events depicted in *Tapestry Journal*.

Prior to the seminar, several sisters asked me, "What can you talk about for ten hours?" Interestingly, at the seminar's close, the typical response heard was, "The seminar was great-but, you know, you really should have made it a full *weekend* event!"

I think we've started something!

My Double-Gendered Life

by Francis Vavra

I am a serious female-to-male cross-dresser, with transsexual tendencies. The threads of cross-dressing have woven in and out of my life since my earliest memories. At three or four, I got a great thrill from wearing my father's fedora hats, even though they were way too big. I secretly spent hours in my grandfather's walk-in closet, smelling the pungent aroma of pipe tobacco and smoking jackets, examining his silver cufflinks and shaving accessories, pretending they were mine. A fan of classic movies and television re-runs, growing up I identified with the Lone Ranger, Superman (actually Clark, never Lois), and romantic leads such as Tyrone Power, Clark Gable and Ronald Coleman.

As a child, playing make-believe games as both a little girl and a little boy came naturally. Through the years the male side became more submerged, but "he" was always there, the part of me no one else could see. I grew up in St. Louis, part tomboy, collecting bugs, riding horses and playing sports with the boys, and part femme trying to match my outward appearance.

I moved to California after high school in the early '70s, married an artist and spent ten years as an art and fashion model in Los Angeles. With such an emphasis on the feminine, my desire to cross-dress eventually resurfaced. When we moved to Seattle in the '80s, I began haunting vintage clothing stores and buying men's jackets, hats and ties. I wore a favorite grey man's fedora with women's clothes, and ties with blouses or shirts. Ties and hats became my secret symbol or fetish for masculine feelings, and I amassed a large collection of ties and men's accessories, but never wore a complete man's ensemble. After five years in Seattle, we moved to San Francisco and joined the Bay area transgender group, ETVC. I attended socials as my husband Roxanna's significant other for several years, as two "girls" together. I lacked her enthusiasm, but enjoyed meeting many lovely ladies. Deep down, I felt something was missing.

Our third year in ETVC I decided to cross-dress as Roxanna's male escort for the annual Halloween party. I dressed in men's clothing from head to foot for the first time, including underwear I had nervously purchased in a men's store. I went as a gypsy man (I am part gypsy), adding a theatrical moustache and a Hungarian accent. When I looked in the mirror at the image I had created, something amazing and electrifying occurred. I felt balanced, back home, and different all at the same time. I was in love with the man in the mirror, shocked that he was myself, and happy I was finally dressed in clothes that secretly excited me and which matched my inner feelings.

That special night was the beginning of a new life for me. Others could finally see me as I had always known myself to be. Looking much younger as male, a 17-year old boy in a 40-something woman's body. Some made fun of me, while others emphatically stated they preferred my femme persona. Acting cocky and a little defensive at first, a front for being shy and self-conscious, I persevered and improved at projecting my male energy in a more natural manner. Eventually evolving from a pubescent boy to a young man, I became accepted, even popular, as I kissed hands, danced and role-played with the feminine personas of the others. A few times attending socials as my femme self, I was greeted by disappointed ladies asking where my brother was.

The past two years have by far been the most rewarding. I have had numerous adventures, alone and on dates, being perceived and treated as

Francis Vavra has been involved in the Educational TV Channel in San Francisco, California. He won the first Mr. ETVC title in 1994, and reigned with Miss ETVC, Lauren Rene Hotchkiss.

a man. Finally passing has allowed me to cross over and see life from the other side. I have taken Roxanna and other cross-dressers to mainstream nightclubs, having a wonderful time. One gypsy club owner made a point of visiting my table, shaking my hand and ogling the lady I was with. Women always get more attention, and, though a dapper dresser, I prefer being more invisible. I've visited seedy exotic dance theaters, with the lap dancers making bets among themselves regarding my gender. It seems everyone must decide which one is, even if they guess wrong. I was recently questioned and frisked by the police who were convinced I was a Latin drug dealer after I left a show in a macho costume. Even after producing my driver's license, they still believed I was a man.

I had no thoughts of social ramifications when I originally cross-dressed. It was a purely personal act done for my own pleasure and needs. The reactions of others to that act have in turn caused more internal searching and dialogue with others. The positive has far outweighed the negative, and I cross-dress at work and in public without repercussions. As a veteran of three talk shows, speaker at local colleges and groups, and gender column writer, I see myself as a spokesperson and writer for Female-to-Males and Male-to-Females who cannot appear in public, educating and letting society know we exist. I co-represent ETVC this year as its first "Mr." ETVC, with Lauren René Hotchkiss, who is Miss ETVC. Together we are also Outreach officers. The IFGE Convention last spring in Portland, Oregon which I attended with Roxanna continued the dialogue between sisters and brothers from around the country. I am also a member of San Francisco's female-to-male group, FTM, helping to keep founder Lou Sullivan's dream alive of reaching out to FTMs, wherever they are. Cross-dressing has further developed my social activism as I have become aware of difficulties and injustices that other transgendered people have experienced, and I will remain on the front line for them.

In my continuing personal gender adventure, I am currently taking male hormones after going through early menopause. I asked that testosterone be added to my prescription, and recently dropped the estrogen. My body has always served me well, being slim and athletic, and I do not feel the need for surgical intervention to alter my physique. My voice is lowering, a moustache is appearing, more energy and calmness pervade my being. I am profoundly happy leading a double-gendered life, easily the most remarkable and insightful journey I will ever make. I am the reverse of male-to-females who also take hormones, but live by day as men and as women at night. Although I mainly wear men's suits to work. I have occasional "lipstick attacks," donning skirts, heels, makeup and jewelry. Then I return again to being a "night man." A shape-shifter in the Native American tradition, Buddhist by choice, I am walking on the razor's edge of gender, dancing between male and female, looking for harmony in the beautiful game of life.

I felt *balanced, back home, and DIFFERENT* all at the same time.

Public Outreach

by Eve Burchert

Some thirty years ago, the world knew little or nothing about the subject of transgenderism. There were some medically oriented books in libraries on this topic, and the most startling piece of news to which the public was exposed was Christine Jorgensen's sex change operation in the fifties.

It was the daring pioneering work of Virginia Prince which began the educatioinal process which has led to today's much improved climate of public understanding and acceptance. Almost everyone of the over 200 suppport groups in existence today owe something to the work she has done.

The success of the numerous speaking engagements no doubt has its basis in the fundamental wisdom that the most effective communication is the result of being knowledgeable, yourself and speaking from the heart. A message based on personal experience and truth is always the most effective.

The following suggestions and comments are intended to serve only as a guide. While we have come a long way, there is much to be done before we, the transgendered communty, are totally accepted and integrated into society. I hope that this will serve to encourage newcomers to try public speaking.

PLACES WHERE PRESENTATIONS CAN BE MADE

MEDIA

Television
While this may well be the most effective place to reach people, the experience of the past couple of years suggests that this medium be used with caution. Initially, such shows as Donahue, Oprah, and Sally Jesse treated transgenderism in an effective and positive manner. An example is Phil Donahue's show several years ago that resulted in approximately 2,500 letters from like-minded individuals still in the closet. Recent experience, however, indicates that the talk shows increasingly are looking for sensationalism, or a "hook" as they call it. Despite the best efforts to make educational and tasteful presentations, the producers channel the programs into avenues that are counterproductive to our cause. One hears or reads, "Oh, no, not another show on transvestites." This is not to say that their attempt at exploitation cannot be turned around, but sometimes the downstream current is too powerful to overcome.

Several years ago, Naomi Owen and I were invited to appear on a talk show in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Prior to appearing, we were warned about the militant attitude of one of the two show hosts. True enough, he opened up with a few homophobic salvos which we defused with tact and humor. To our surprise, just ten minutes into the show he burst out, "I can't believe what I am seeing and hearing. I love it!" It turned out to be a great show.

Radio
While every town has its talk show station, very few programs deal with interviews, per se. Occasionally the topic of transgenderism pops up. When this happens, it would be best to present ourselves in an educational and tasteful way.

Newspapers & Magazines
While this is an excellent medium for education, feature stories usually have to be solicited by you or your organization. Reporters and editors prefer interesting stories which are essentially finished products lacking only their official "thumbprint." Persons to contact are usually the city editor or feature writers dealing with lifestyle topics.

OTHER PLACES TO SPEAK

There are many service clubs like the Lions, Elks, Moose, Rotary, Optimist, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus and others to consider. There are also women's service clubs. Such groups are often looking for interesting speakers. Usually, your presentation is limited to about 20 minutes to half-an-hour and you will have to compress your material to get the essential points accross.

There are also private clubs, church groups, singles clubs, public affairs groups, discussion groups, etc. Both service groups and private clubs are effective places to communicate some experiences.

Probably the most frequent target for our outreach has been colleges and universities offering classes in psychology, sociology, human sexuality and anthropology. There are usually a number of colleges and universities around a city of any size. Getting in touch with the teachers of such classes will often lead to an invitation to speak before the class.

Local hotline volunteers, suicide prevention groups, alcoholic and other counseling groups are other possibillities. Other receptive audiences are training classes for police and sheriff departments, the

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FBI and similar law enforcement groups. As an example, Naomi and I have spoken several times before approximately 100 Chicago-area police chiefs, vice-squad officers and others dealing with personal crime. You get a funny feeling when you walk into a room crossdressed and it is filled with uniformed police officers, complete with side-arms and motorcycle helmets. By the end of the two-hour presentation, however, we are all friends. The most trouble we ever got into at one of these presenations was when we started an argument between the men and women in the audience. Experience has taught us that they appreciate the introduction to our community so they can tell the difference between bank robbers in disguise and crossdressed transgendered people.

Finally, there are professional associations like the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, the Humanist Society and others. Before making a presentation to one of these groups, it would be beneficial to have had some experience in talking on the subject.

L-R: Substitute teachers Karen, Eve and Naomi.

L-R: Naomi Owen, Sharon A. Stuart, Joan Sheldon, Samantha Wells, and Eve.

MAKING CONTACT

Assuming that you have had some experience in public speaking and that you feel reasonably comfortable being your femme-self out in pulic, where do you start?

Your local library or telephone directory usually has a listing of clubs and organizations which would be likely targets. A phone call to the group outlining your talk on transgenderism should determine whether or not there is interest. Think beforehand what you are going to say. Put yourself in the position of the person you are contacting. Try to see it from his/her point of view. The person will probably be interested in having speakers, interviewees or whatever, who will provide an interesting and entertaining program because that is what keeps clubs going, or programs on the air.

If you would rather present in an academic setting, call up one of the local colleges and see if they have a program on human sexuality. If so, make your pitch on the phone, or write a letter like this sample.

L-R: Prof. Evans, Karen Ulane (now deceased), Eve B., Naomi Owen, and Mrs. Evans of Manchester College.

SAMPLE PROPOSAL LETTER

Dear Professor So-and-so:

The last thirty years have brought about an evolution regarding the public tolerance and acceptance of various gender expressions. To a great extent this subtle change in attitude is undoubtedly the result of the mature nature of many college curricula which institutions like yours are offering.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of speakers representing a worldwide community of transgendered individuals. We maintain over 200 support groups. We have participated in panel presentations before many professional and college groups. In most cases involving universities, our audience is made up of students engaged in studies of human sexuality. Without reservation we have found wonderful response to presentations handled with sensitivity and candor. We would be happy to furnish specific references and lists of institutions with whom we have developed a relationship.

We would appreciate it if you would contact us should you be interested in having us make a presentation at your school. In the event that this letter has been addressed to the wrong person, would you please refer it to the person concerned with the teaching of human sexuality.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Common Thread
A Transsexual's Life in Broadcasting

by Kristine Lang

Two things that did not change about Carl when he became Cheryl in Youngstown, Ohio, on October 31, 1989, were a love for women and an interest in broadcasting. Five years later, Cheryl Ann Costa is married and using her involvement in radio and theater to teach the straight community about transgenders, as well as to help transgenders feel more comfortable about *being* transgenders. Under the name Cassandra St. John, Cheryl co-hosts a radio talk show in Washington, D.C. called *Working Girls with Frances and Cassandra*, with her radio partner Frances Brown and producer Linda Schaefer. She performs *A Princess in Training*, a one act that takes the audience from her birth through her sexual reassignment surgery.

As Carl, she earned a degree in filmmaking and playwriting and made 75 industrial public relations films for IBM. After her transition, Cheryl decided that she missed TV work and wanted to do a cable talk show. At the time, she was involved with Kestryl, a mother of two girls who she met through the pagan community in 1990. She approached Arlington Cable about producing a show for them. After passing their certification standards, she asked Kestryl if she wanted to be involved in a show about witchcraft aimed at the general public. "Kestryl and Company" started in Spring 1991.

The show drew much more attention than Cheryl thought it would, thanks to an Associated Press reporter who heard about the show and asked if he could sit in. He wrote a 500-word article May 23, 1991.

"It went out on the morning AP [wire] and that evening, the TV station calls me. 'Cheryl, there's too many cam crews sitting in the lobby. Can you come down here and talk to them?' And it's about my show. The next day, I had 15 phone calls. Every day for three weeks, I had an average of eight to 15 phone calls asking for an interview."

The show was to run for eight weeks as a summer filler; it continued for 55 episodes ***and*** ran in syndication on six cable systems for two years afterward. They even won an award for Best Religious Programming.

In the 52 interviews that Cheryl and Kestryl did in six months, no one ever asked if Cheryl was a transsexual. Only a *Washington Post* reporter asked if she and Kestryl were an "item." They confirmed it, off the record, and Kestryl went on to say that Cheryl was a post-op transsexual. The reporter replied, "Both issues would dilute the article about the witchcraft television show." Still, Cheryl was always afraid that someone would ask her if she was a transsexual.

> *I was paranoid as hell because of my voice, because of my mannerisms, because of my build. A lot of people never noticed it. I got a couple phone calls from some people...but for the most part, most people didn't read me. They just thought that I was a butchy woman.*

The show's run stopped because Cheryl got burned out. A weekly TV show requires lots of work and she was not paid for producing the show. Also, they lost the support of the pagan community when Kestryl decided to leave the show and the station management asked Cheryl to step in as host. Although she had her doubts, Cheryl decided to do it. The station management loved her. The pagan community did not.

> *I guess they wanted Barbie and Ken. They certainly didn't want to have a transsexual priestess representing them.*

Kristine Lang is a G.G. who recently graduated from University of Maryland at College Park's College of Journalism.

After the show's run ended, she backed off from broadcasting until she attended a spiritual retreat with a college girlfriend as a mid-winter vacation in upstate New York in early 1992. Her friend, who was in radio, talked to Cheryl all week about working in radio, which she had done as a man.

"She said, 'Gee whiz, Cheryl. It's no big deal if you go back into radio. Who's going to see you? Except maybe at a public appearance. You've got enough of a masculine persona that if you wanted to pull your hair back into a ponytail and look like a rock star you probably could... And be Al St. John [the name she used when she was in radio before]."

Cheryl Ann Costa (aka Cassandra Y. St. John)

The other approach was to be herself, a transsexual woman, and be Cassandra St. John. When she came back from the trip, she hung up her dresses for black slacks and turtleneck sweaters.

"Getting dressed in the morning was really easy. Wash my hair, deodorant, brush my teeth, and a little mascara, and black slacks and a turtleneck sweater. It was very easy. It was a uniform. I felt I had been painted into a corner by other people's ideas of who I should look like and how I should dress. I decided to take a breather from it and explore my androgyny, which I never got to do during my transition."

Cheryl also explored the possibility of reentering radio when she became a "regular" on "The Don and Mike Show," a nationally syndicated radio show based in Washington, D.C. She wrote a letter to the show on her witch stationery, which was read on the air, asking to be *their* witch. When she called in, the hosts heard her voice and did not believe that she was for real. She tried to explain why her voice was so low.

"Whiskey and smoke, man. Two packs a day of Camel Straights and whiskey for years."

They hung up on her. Cheryl decided to drive to the station to show them that she was for real.

"I was in a T-shirt. I was in my androgynous mode. I had just had my hair cut off about two weeks before and frosted...so you couldn't tell what the hell I was."

So when the hosts asked her what she was, Cheryl flashed them her breasts. She became a regular on the show. She asked them to emphasize her being a witch but they liked the "weirdness" of her being a transsexual better. Don even told her that she should utilize it as a calling card. Although she was uncomfortable doing so, Cheryl went along with hosts.

"The mentality I went on there with was as a clown. I really did. The crap that I caught was not so much from the general pagan community...I had a number of people that were in my specific Wicca clan who came up to me and said, 'Mother Superior, you can't do this radio stuff. You're making a fool of yourself on the radio and you're making fools of us because you're up there making a fool of yourself. We can't have our Mother Superior being a clown on the radio for everyone to hear.' That devastated me."

Cheryl went into semi-retirement to think about her clan members' view. If she had been on a serious show with "social value," they would not have objected. But because she was doing comedy *and* as a transsexual... She spoke with her elders and disbanded the clan.

Cheryl met her wife through Don and Mike. After setting her up on some disastrous dates, the hosts handcuffed Cheryl and a woman who called in to the show together for a spring day trip with other fans of the show to Ocean City, Maryland. What was supposed to be a 12-hour date turned into a 38-hour date. The radio hosts were intrigued by the ensuing courtship and eventually asked the women if they intended to marry. On July 23, 1993, in the station's parking lot, Cheryl and her wife exchanged vows on the air dressed in Star Trek uniforms.

Cheryl's wife encourages her to be open about who and what she is for the good of "Working Girls," but prefers not to be in the spotlight herself. She was drawn to call in to Don and Mike that spring day *because* Cheryl is a transsexual. She's a "lipstick lesbian" who was always fascinated by androgyny (she was a huge Boy George fan!).

About a month after their wedding, Cheryl left the show because of a disagreement with the hosts. Scott Peck, host of "10 Percent Radio," a show dealing with gay issues, asked her to be his sidekick. Earlier in the year, Cheryl offered to do some production work for him, but after hearing her on Don and Mike, he wanted her on the air with him. She was on until Halloween when the program director decided he didn't

want a two-host show. The experience she got working on the weekly call-in show made her realize that shehad a flair for it.

Around the time she was on with Scott, Cheryl met Linda Schaefer, a fan of Don and Mike who works in radio. Linda suggested to Cheryl that she and another Don and Mike regular, Frances, look into a show of their own. At the same time, a deejay in Florida, who also had heard them on Don and Mike, told them he thought they were paid employees of the show. He also encouraged them to work together. When Cheryl stopped working with Scott, she and Frances asked Linda whether she really thought they could do a radio talk show. She told them yes, so they asked her to help them cut a demo tape. Cheryl and Frances found they had a natural on-air chemistry, as well as one with Linda as a producer. In late December 1993, Cheryl worked on a sales promotion kit that included write-ups about the show, bios and resumes on herself and Frances, and copies of the tapes to send to program directors.

Linda and other people in radio who were helping them suggested that Frances play up her "big-breasted, blond bombshell, Femme Fatale, straight, geezer-chasing, Material Girl" persona while Cheryl would be "the male-to-female transsexual, lesbian, Kitchen Witch and Happy Homemaker."

"We asked why and they said, 'After listening to Frances, everybody's going to come away saying the transsexual lesbian is the measure of family values on the show.' I was the person coming home and cooking her spouse supper every night, and packing her a lunch. And coming home from my corporate 500 job and doing the housework."

The women had their work cut out for them trying to break into the number six radio market in the country. Finally, they got a broker radio deal - they buy air time - with WMET, an AM station in Gaithersburg, Maryland. They fund the show - the sound effects, special music - themselves, primarily by Linda.

As they prepared to go on the air in the spring of 1994, Cheryl was still uncomfortable about being an open transsexual on the radio. Then, she read about a transsexual woman named Kate Bornstein, author of *Gender Outlaw* and playwright, who believes that it's okay to *be* a transsexual woman.

> *I had been conditioned for a couple of years - basically, I'm not supposed to own up to my past. A lot of transsexuals get convinced to leave one closet as their male self, come out, transition, and go into a closet across the hall. That's exactly what I did.*

Cheryl also remembered her therapist telling her that once she could be open about who and what she is, she will be able to reach her "human potential." She wouldn't be putting her energy and resources into pretending to be someone she is not. Cheryl saw that the therapist was right.

> *I am not male, nor will I ever really be female. I'm the best and worst of both, I'm neither.*

Once "Working Girls with Frances and Cassandra" was on the air, they had a difficult time getting press. No one would do a story on them. Newspapers were unsure of the show's racy content and a local cable channel told them that they, especially the transsexual, would offend the station's demographics.

Finally, they convinced a local Montgomery County paper to send a reporter to sit in on the show. She stayed for almost the entire show, fighting laughing fits. But since "Working Girls" has been on the air (37 weeks), only five articles have been written, despite being nominated for two broadcast awards

Frances Lilian Brown

- Best New Talent and Best Continuing Program Feature. They won the feature award but lost the talent award to Wolfman Jack, who was new to the D.C. market.

She received e-mail from cross-dressers who think it is great that she's on the radio *as* a transsexual woman. One of her objectives is to show transgenders that it is okay to be yourself and not be afraid of the notoriety.

> *I would like...some people in the transgender community to try not to stuff us into boxes. The straight community stuffs us into pigeonholes and boxes enough. I don't wish to be pushed into a box by some people in the transgender community.*

In September 1994, Cheryl was invited to New Mexico for a trip with The Berdache Society, "an assembly of Renaissance, white, Winktes." Her new witchcraft students took up a collection to send her. She decided to go and take a break from "Working Girls." When she came back, she stepped down as a Wicca priestess. The trip marked a new path, both spiritually and creatively.

> *I decided to devote my energies to the Berdache spirit of things -*

Cassandra Ygraine St. John

the exploration of gender through spirituality. And the best way I could do it was to touch people through my playwriting skills and my radio program and my writing.

Since her return from that trip, Cheryl's opportunities "to touch people" increased. While she was in New Mexico, The National Theatre in D.C. left her a message asking if she would like to debut her play there. Apparently, someone in the Writers' Guild talked about her piece, an autobiographical one-act play called, "A Princess in Training," that she wrote while on "The Don and Mike Show." She made her debut November 14. She also performed the play at a Maryland coffeehouse and at the University of Maryland. Kate Bornstein, who Cheryl considers the "First Lady of Transgender Theater," came to one of the coffeehouse performances.

I want to teach the general public that transsexuals are not monsters. We are not sex objects... We don't choose this uninvited dilemma. Anybody who's transgendered in any degree knows that we did not choose this uninvited dilemma. Part of the education is also to educate people to understand that I don't fit in a nice clean box. I'm not male, I'm not female, yet I'm both. And that's what I'm trying to teach. I'm trying to teach the best and worst of it.

Despite aiming her play for the general public, Cheryl received positive responses from many transgenders who approached her after her show to praise its authenticity. However, some in the leadership ranks of the community dislike it.

The play is not very politically correct. I did my life as a 'comedy of errors,' as a one-woman show, and I did it in a stand-up comedy type of format. Very Robin Williams and Lenny Bruce. I turn into about 18 to 20 different characters from my own life and a dozen different variations of my own self.

Cheryl knew what to emphasize in her play because she based it on questions that she collected at lectures she has given over the years. She asks the audience to write questions and she answers those that she has time for. She takes all of them home with her. From the 800-1200 questions she has collected, there are about 47 standard questions. She has listened to the concerns of the transgender community and tried to address them as she works on the play. Still, many think she's just performing it for her ego.

Nothing could be further from the truth. While I handle myself well on stage and such, I am there to be a teacher. In the finest tradition of the Berdache, I am there to be a teacher. I wish someone had done a play like this for the people I worked with when I was transitioning. I might not have gone through the same crap.

Now, Cheryl may have a chance to help other transgenders in the workplace so that they may not have to go through what she did during her transition. She was approached by people who have heard her play about working on the corporate diversity speaking circuit. She hopes to start that this year.

Cheryl's working on the follow-up one act, "Ever After," about life after surgery. She wrote the pieces as one acts that could be part of a larger whole so she could learn to write two-hour movies. Her friend and mentor, Richard Rashke, author of *Silkwood*, has tried to sell her story to television and the movies since 1993. With the debuts of her radio show and play, Cheryl hopes that someone in the industry will bite.

Cheryl enjoys teaching the straight community and other transgenders about her life as a transsexual woman. She also found that the writing and performing of her play and her radio show has been a type of therapy that provides a "spiritual cleansing" for her.

See, the politically correct people would say, 'You chose to be a middle-class white female. God damn it, why don't you be a middle-class white female instead of something in the middle. I'm sorry. I'm something in the middle. I'll never be Marilyn Monroe. I'll never be much more than a very mannish-looking butch woman, so I'm going to do the best with it that I can. If that means I have to be a little bit of Carol Burnett and Vicki Lawrence and be a bit of a clown to get my point across... You won't see me doing television. Maybe you will. Do you know what the beauty of radio is over television for me? I don't have to do my hair before I go on the air.

A Biopsychosocial View of Gender Identity

by Luciana Whipple, BS,CCE

What gender are you? How can you tell? How do we define a person's gender? Gender identity is the way an individual is identified by others as being male or female. It is also the way an individual thinks of himself or herself in terms of personality and sexuality. We will call this internal view of the self gender self identity. In both cases, there is an identification of the person as a whole, not just as a sexual or sexually active being.

Social relationships are very basically connected with how we see ourselves and others, and how others see us. The identification of a person as being male or female is a fundamental concept in how that individual acts in relations with others, and in how others respond to or react with that individual. We must have a clear concept of how we define a person's gender, since that determines how we react to that person. If an individual's gender cannot be readily determined, many may feel confused, angry, or threatened interacting with that person.

This question of identifying gender applies both to males and to females, as defined by their physical body structure and general appearance. The actual gender identity is much more complex than just the physical body, however.

A person's gender identity has many components, which are here classified into six groups:
1) individual's physical structure
2) individual's physiological structure
3) role assigned to each individual by parental and social interactions
4) role adopted by the individual
5) individual's sexual preference
6) last and most important, the person's internal view of self, or gender self-identity.

The physical structure of a person is all the body's internal and external components. These include a penis or a vagina and related organs that we strongly associate with the male or female sex. In addition to the genital area, however, the physical structure also includes such attributes as height, weight, muscularity, bone structure, hair distribution, and fat distribution. These attributes contribute to the way we feel about ourselves and our own self esteem.

The physiological makeup includes the functional aspects of how the body works, much of which is dependent on hormones and neurotransmitters present in the adult that influence certain behaviors. It also includes the functions of the brain that have been produced by hormonal interactions with cells and tissues of the nervous system. These interactions go back as far as the growth and development of the fetus that became the adult. Modern medical studies have shown that brain development before birth can affect behaviors and attitudes in an adult. Instinctual behaviors related to sexual identity and expression appear to have components that are built into the brain, as in animals, rather than learned. For example, heterosexual people do not "choose" to be heterosexual. They just are interested in the opposite sex, without giving it much thought.

When looking at the whole human being, we realize that the development of his/her personality is influenced by more than just her or his genes. The formation of one's personality and the acquisition of a gender identity, are the result of many interacting and interdependent forces. Yet, it is undisputed that we are born with certain "wired-in" instincts, and it is undeniable that our biological nature plays an important role in every aspect of our life. The concepts of sexuality and gender identity are very basic and depend to some degree on these biologically "wired-in" brain processes.

The third component of gender identity is the role assigned by parents and society based on the biological sex of the baby. As we all know, the first question asked about a child at birth is, "Is it a boy or a girl?" Then, we buy baby clothes, toys, and gifts appropriate to the baby's biological sex. Along with this assigned role for each child go certain expected behaviors and physical traits. Boys are expected to be strong, tough, aggressive, pain-tolerant, and not too expressive of any emotions they might have; girls are supposed to be cute, gentle, soft, cuddly, compliant, passive, and emotional. Boys are supposed to be smart, to play on teams, and to be interested in sports

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and competition; girls should be perhaps a little dumb, not practical, but supportive and motherly.

Although today things have changed and there is some overlap of roles, it is easy to see that the assigned roles for male and female children and adults are highly polarized, so that they are either masculine males or feminine females. There is no value in between. Although clothing, hair styles and general presentation may be more "unisex" than ever before, there are still standards that society sets and that some individuals do not meet. Some members of our society consider those who don't meet their standards to be rebellious, disrespectful, even decadent and immoral.

But, if we seriously consider any single individual with respect to the perceived characteristics of male and female, we will nearly always see that the individual is a mixture of traits considered to be masculine or feminine. Few individuals express only very masculine or very feminine traits. Those who do are often thought to be somewhat strange and exaggerated in their behavior, and may have difficulties in relating to others, particularly in gender-linked interactions. They may find it hard to maintain any personal relationships, since all their behavioral activities seem to be directed at their maintaining a rigid sexually-stereotyped role. The interactions between a "macho" male and a "southern belle" female are likely to fail because there is little area of overlap in their attitudes and behaviors, which are highly polarized. Such a relationship is frequently stormy and emotional, with anger, resentment, and controlling behavior interfering with the expression of love and affection. In this atmosphere, intimacy becomes almost impossible. We can thus see that rigidly adopting roles assigned by parents and society is not always psychologically healthy.

The fourth and fifth components of gender identity are the role adopted by the individual and the individual's sexual preference. Many genetic males or females feel uncomfortable in their assigned roles. They feel more "themselves" when they adopt a more androgenous role, or switch role completely. We could talk at length about the different roles people adopt in society or in personal relationships. What we need to notice here is that every time a person deviates from what is considered an "acceptable normal range," the people around him/her and society in general react negatively. It is only when people are able to recognize that human behavior is not based on an "all or none" concept, but falls in a continuum that offers a wide spectrum of possibilities, that they can appreciate and enjoy the differences that exist within our milieu.

The last and most important component of gender identity is the individual's internal view of self. This gender self-identity is a gestalt or overview of all aspects of how the individual sees himself or herself. Gender self-identity includes how the individual perceives his or her own sexual body. It depends upon the idea that gender exists, and that we are males and females, and that one is generally determined to be one or the other, but not both. It also includes all the many personal and behavioral characteristics in the individual that may be deemed by society to be specific to or definitive of males and females, such as a heterosexual sexual preference. An individual thus most often expects to be a heterosexual, either male or female, depending on the external physical attributes of the body. An individual usually internalizes that role which is determined by their physical structure and assigned by societal expectations.

Most people do not question the appropriateness of their assigned gender identity, and are comfortable with that assignment. Some, however, feel from childhood that they are "in the wrong body," and should really be of the opposite sex. Others feel confusion and guilt about their own perceived gender and what is expected in relationships with others. They may feel more comfortable being friends with those of the opposite sex, with whom they have more in common. An individual may be gender identified as male, as defined by what that person's sexual organs prescribe, and emphasized by society's expectations for physical development and behavior. That same individual may have a gender self-identity that is female, based upon how the individual views his own body, life, and attitudes. This leads to an identity crisis, accompanied by pain, confusion, guilt, shame and unhappiness. The same situation occurs less often in the other direction, where a person who is gender identified as female has instead a gender self-identity of male. There are some people who are quite happy about their physical sexual appearance, but unhappy about their assigned role and derive more personal satisfaction out of acting out a role usually relegated to the opposite sex. Psychologists and psychiatrists refer to this condition of not matching outer-determined gender with inner-determined gender as gender dysphoria.

Those who suffer from unrecognized gender dysphoria may attempt to unconsciously deny it, because most people have come to believe that gender is non-negotiable, thus not a choice. It is considered to be determined solely by our body structure and associated cultural expectations. Often, the person suffering from this disorder uses exaggerated behaviors that will "prove" how masculine he is, or how feminine she is. This might include sexual promiscuity, enhancement of desired body characteristics, exaggerated speech or vocal patterns, or wearing clothing that emphasizes sexually defined characteristics.

Denial does not resolve the problems encountered by the gender dysphoric individual. Recognition of the situation is the first step that allows the individual to deal with the feelings it generates. Ultimately, gender dysphoria can only be eliminated or made tolerable when the aware individual starts making choices congruent with his or her own feelings. Such choices may include simply going to a good therapist who will help resolve hidden internal conflicts. Or, when therapy alone is not enough, they may include more drastic changes involving sex reassignment, multiple aesthetic operations, hormone therapy and electrolysis. These aesthetic changes allow the internal and the external gender identities to become congruent. The person, in this case, feels more "whole" and reports feelings of well-being.

Some may chose not to deal with the problem at all. This choice is for many the most difficult to manage, because of problems that continue in social interactions. When a person is not true to his or her own self, this incongruence may lead to dissociation from one's own true self. Dissociative behavior is a coping mechanism that can become quite destructive for the individual. Pain and mental anguish that has been kept under control by many psychological defense mechanisms may reappear and cause further problems such as isolation, depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideations.

We can thus see that there may be various levels of affectedness in persons with gender dysphoria. For some, the wish to be, or assume the role of the opposite sex can be fulfilled by simply cross-dressing intermittently. For others, the need demands surgical modification to produce the body structure desired and required by the inner identity.

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All the previous discussion leads us to the conclusion that an individual's sexual identity comes together as a result of complex interactions and interdependence between biological, psychological, and sociocultural variables. These interactions together produce what can be called the biopsychosocial phenomenon of gender identity. While most people may have no conflict (or awareness of conflict) between their externally-defined gender identity and their internally-defined gender self identity, some individuals may encounter great problems in linking these together. By recognizing this conflict as dependent on biopsychosocially interacting forces, we can place its related problems in their proper perspective. The complex determinants of gender identity cannot be reduced to simplistic ideas or statements. Instead, gender identity is a complex fusion of many different components. Its complexity indicates that gender identity is not always a choice that can be made, either by society or by the individual who is not congruent in internal and external gender identity. In addition, gender identity should be considered as a continuum of actions, behaviors, concepts, and perceptions that range between the very masculine and the very feminine stereotypes previously discussed. The majority of individuals would fall between the two poles of this continuous distribution, whether they are identified as male or as female. We should consider all the range of these possibilities as being normal, rather than deviant in some way.

In the biopsychosocial model of gender identity, the causative factors are spread among the different components of this pattern. Therefore, individuals have relatively few choices, limited by the nature of the pattern woven around her/his persona by all these interacting components. Moral judgments and intellectual exercises do not seem to be appropriate in dealing with gender identity. In the last few decades, recognition of the limitations placed on the individual by their societally defined gender roles has led to much more freedom of expression. There is more acceptance of aggressive behavior in women, for example, and of parenting skills in males. If this acceptance can be extended to those who appear to be "quite a bit different" in the expression of their gender identity, society and the individuals involved will be able to interact in more harmony. Education and understanding are of utmost importance in achieving these goals.

Choosing Terms of Empowerment

by Jessica Xavier

In my travels throughout the transgender community, I am often struck by the way transgendered persons refer to themselves. Everywhere I go, I hear people persist in comparing themselves to "real women," "genetic women," "native women" and even "women-born women." With this past summer's trip to Camp Trans and the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival still fresh in my mind, this last one made me wince, especially since the transgendered person who used it should have known better. But then again, we transgendered people know the limitations of language all too well when we are concerned.

In her lectures, Leslie Feinberg often makes the point of how our language and culture as transgendered persons has been taken and hidden from us by a western patriarchal society bent on preserving its male privilege and property. More of us are now becoming aware of the rich transgender tapestry woven throughout human history. But in the historical literature, the lives of our predecessors are often obscured or confused with those of gay men and of lesbians. Until Magnus Hirschfeld coined the term transvestite about 1920, and Dr. David Cauldwell coined the term transsexual about 1949, there were no modern terms to describe who we are. Both terms eventually caught on within the medical and the psychotherapeutic professions, through which they were introduced into the vernacular. Yet these generic terms were not of our own choosing, and for many within our community, they have fallen into disfavor. For example, most who are prefer the term crossdresser to transvestite, which has a harsh, clinical ring to it. Perhaps the greatest appeal of the term transgender is that it originated from within our community, and thus we may claim it as our own.

Self-identification has become an important personal right, for if we do not assert who we are, then the power to self-define may be usurped by someone else, who usually screws it up. For example, the gay writer Paul Vernell of Chicago's *Windy City Times* recently described transsexualism as "the highest form of transvestism." (Please!) And there are real reasons behind the choice of terms people use to describe themselves. Pride, for example. When asked to describe himself, a crossdresser might say father, husband, soldier, football fan, doctor, lawyer, Indian chief or whatever. But crossdresser or transgender is usually not mentioned, unless the listener is someone who is as well. The reason we don't identify ourselves as transgenders is very simple: we're ashamed of it.

Yes, shame. Shame is the reason 99% of the transgender community is closeted. People don't hide unless they have something to be ashamed of. In most cultures, a sexual or a gender minority is forced to bear the stigmata of shame by an ordinary majority that neither understands nor tolerates it. Although the closeted nature of our community affords ample evidence of its shame, it is far more pervasive than even that. You can hear it at any convention or support group meeting, or read it in any letter or computer bulletin board conversation between transgenders. We use an alphabet soup as a shorthand that eases the pain of fully pronouncing who we are: TV, CD, TG, TS. TS what? Oh, MTF or FTM. But wait a minute. My life can't be condensed into just three letters. Are not MTF and FTM merely the directional vectors for sex transformation? Surely these letters cannot adequately describe transsexual human beings with all our differences and complexities.

Moreover, the yardsticks we use to measure ourselves in the elusive hunt to pass perfectly are always "real" or "genetic" women or men. Transsexuals are purported to live for the moment they can have surgery so they can at last be considered "normal." But what is so real or normal about the non-transgendered that we should want to mimic them and all their problems? Don't we have enough problems of our own? But more to my point, it is the repeated use of this type of language and comparisons when describing ourselves that forms the basis of our

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shame. These are terms of our inner, self-oppression. If we use terms that are filled with shame, we will internalize that shame. If we constantly compare ourselves to those who we are not, we will always be second best. But even worse, by acting out the shame we have been force-fed by those who do not understand us, we have become accomplices in our own stigmatization. Guilt follows shame, and like homosexuals who are stricken with the self-hatred of internalized homophobia, we transgenders have fallen victim to internalized transphobia. The price we pay as individuals is perpetual low-self esteem, but collectively, as a community, the larger victim is transgender pride.

When I came out as a transsexual in a support group, I was taught by the older, wiser transsexuals that I should immediately assimilate after my surgery and never tell anyone of my true sex origin. This formula for our success forms the core of the conventional wisdom of transsexualism, which has become ingrained after several decades of indoctrination by the medical and psychotherapeutic professions. Hide your selves. Hide your shame. Who you are is a freak. You must bury this knowledge deep, keeping this darkest secret from everyone, if you wish to live out the rest of your years happily and safely. And we did. Accordingly, in the early days of transsexualism, few of us ever associated with each other after our surgeries. Little wonder it's taken us this long to build a community of transsexual women and men.

And if you think you're immune to this shame, think again, Cleopatra. Denial buries our shame and guilt deep within all of us. And probably every transgendered person has it, even post-operative transsexual men and women. I have always believed that sex reassignment surgery only ameliorates, but doesn't cure, gender dysphoria. Although I've had surgery, I still missed out on my girlhood, my high school prom, and lots of other experiences non-transsexual women have had. I can't menstruate, but I would do so (maybe not gladly) if I could have a baby. No matter what else we may accomplish in our lives, we will always be less than those we all have tried so terribly hard to emulate, either through crossdressing or surgery. And being second best will have long-term effects on anyone's psyche. What can we do about it?

Building pride within a stigmatized group of people is never easy. To reject the dominant patriarchal paradigm that forces sexual and gender minorities to think their difference makes them deviant or evil takes a lot of courage, will-power, time and effort. Look at how our gay and lesbian cousins have grown over the past twenty five years since Stonewall. Their efforts are just beginning to pay off. For starters, we transgenders as a community could begin to make conscious efforts to choose and to use terms of empowerment when we refer to ourselves and to others like us, rather than repeating terms that others use to oppress us.

Here's one example you can use for referring to transsexuals, which I will credit here to Riki Anne Wilchins and Anne Ogborn. Rather than using MTF or FTM, or just transsexual alone, use transsexual *women* and transsexual *men*. It's doubly reinforcing, in that it uses *us* as the point of reference, not the non-transsexuals (or just the *nons*), and it also definitively gender-identifies us. Instead of "real" or "genetic," use non-transsexual or non-transgender men or women. Using this terminology will eliminate all the negative, oppressive comparisons. I am not a transsexual. I am a transsexual *woman*. Using either term alone does not fully identify who I am. It's that simple.

When we choose language to describe ourselves, we also differentiate ourselves from others in our community, and we must do so in ways which do not demean them for their differences from us. For example, the terms pre-operative and post-operative convey a subtle elitist message that post-operative transsexuals are somehow better than their pre-operative brothers and sisters. The terms "New Women" and "New Men" have a similar effect. Denise Norris has suggested using transsexual women or men with or without surgical experience. Similarly, instead of male or female crossdresser or transvestite, try using male or female transgender, or passing woman. And don't put words in quotes that demean our anatomy or our gender choices. For example, my vagina is not a "neovagina" nor is it a "vaginoplasty." Leave those terms for the male surgeons. Never put our pronouns in quotes. If we think about it, I'm sure there are lots more ways to put a more sensitive and positive verbal spin on the way we look at our lives.

As I mentioned earlier, personal identification is an important personal right, and if we fail to assert that right, then someone else will take it away from us. The main reason I went to Camp Trans at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival this past summer was that our right of self-definition had been stolen from us, and we had to be there to reclaim it. Our sex, our gender, our bodies, our selves and our very lives cannot be held subject to arbitrary definition by a security guard at the gate (or by the producers, for that matter) of a music festival ostensively open to *all* women. Who we are is up to each of us to define, and, in effect, we forced the festival producers to agree with us. I *am* a woman-born woman, because my mother gave birth to a transsexual female. But I won't use that term to describe who I am, because it is a term of oppression used by a few other women who don't know who I am. But they *will* know me eventually.

Similarly, I don't care for the term *berdache,* because that is a also an oppressive term applied by colonialists and imperialists to indigenous persons they encountered who happened to be differently gendered. What's wrong with their own terms, like *Winkte* or *Nadle?* Many people consider using someone's language as a sign of respect, and as modern-day transgenders, we should honor indigenous transgendered people whenever we have the opportunity. Once upon a time, the white man's guns gave him all the male privilege he needed to expropriate the right to identify the people he was subjugating. Cultures that respected the choices of their people to be differently gendered were obliterated, and their history and languages lost for centuries. So much for Manifest Destiny.

You might think I am hinting here at Transgender Political Correctness. Well...yes, I am. Before you object, I think we have forgotten that Political Correctness developed in our western culture because it became necessary to help people stop hurting themselves and others. Although it can be carried to uncomfortable extremes, PC has been successful in fighting racism and sexism. Because of it, most people now think that using racial slurs or derogatory names for women are abusive and rude. The politically correct choice of words has thus became a potent tool of empowerment, because it forced people to rethink the ways they spoke about and related to minorities, which sometimes included themselves as well. Accordingly, since shame is redolent throughout the transgender community, we need all the help we can get to start rethinking who *we* are. A little Transgender PC now could mean self-empowerment later. Major transgender organizations should start using these terms of empowerment in their publications immediately. How about it, *Tapestry* editors and writers?

Choosing self-descriptive words that empower us may not seem like much, but they are a first step toward reaching that elusive goal of Transgender Pride. It will take time, but if some of us begin to raise consciousness now, we will eventually reach everyone in our growing community. And the rising tide of Transgender Pride will lift all our other boats as well. We transgenders are a unique people, born with a special difference that has given us our own special gifts and perspectives to offer the non-transgendered world. Long overdue and years in the making, Transgender Pride is a notion whose time has finally come. So come on, all you transgender males and passing women, and all you transsexual men and women. Let's all get on board the Transgender PC Bandwagon together. We have nothing to lose but our shame.

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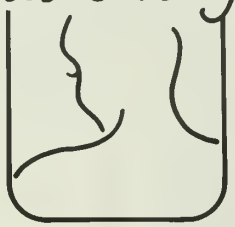

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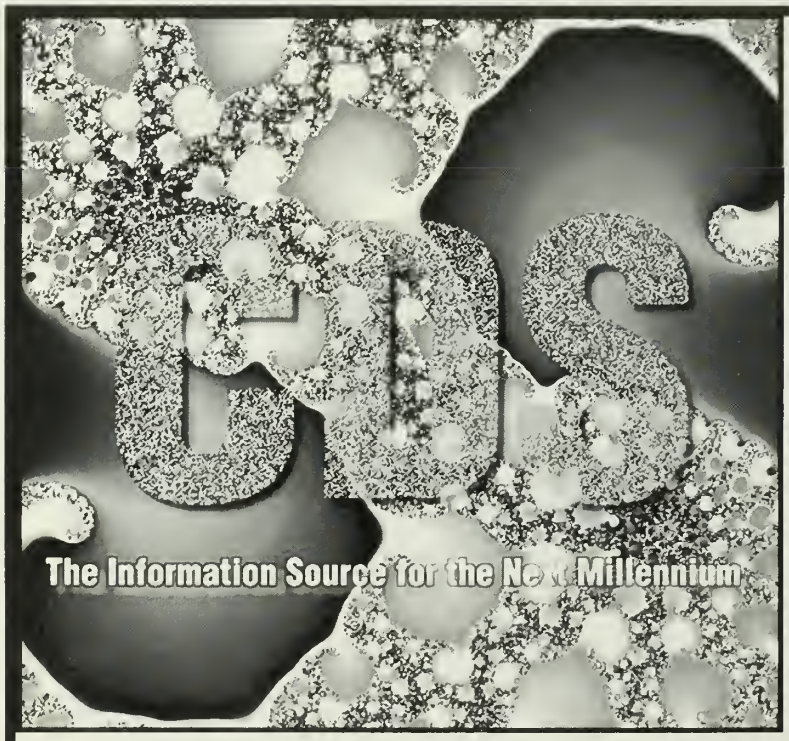

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On behalf of the TG PRIDE '95 Committee, your sister always,

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Innvestments: Christmas on Cape Cod

by Candy Scott

Phyllis Vanetta Larson giving the benediction before dinner.

Who knew when it all began early in 1992 that it would progress so far in so short a period of time? Chrystal Raymond, assisted by Judy Thompson and the late Jennifer Eaton had laboriously laid the ground work and made arrangements with I.F.G.E. for a mailing to *Tapestry* subscribers within the immediate area. The fruits of this effort came to bear on a warm April evening when 10 sisters met around a table in a small conference room in the Holiday Inn of Hyannis, on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

That evening was one of anxiety, anticipation and yet full of the unknown. Many of the original group had never met with another crossdressing sister and this was a big step forward. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the evening came when Candy Scott (current President) entered and found herself face to face with Tracy, a person who worked in the office two doors down from her own. (Talk about culture shock!)

Things then progressed into high gear. By the end of one year, two special parties (Christmas and Valentine's) and a birthday party had taken place along with several speakers and workshops. The end of the second year reflected more of the same, but with growing attendance and with increased participation by several members in events sponsored by other New England groups.

With Christmas 1994 approaching, the most ambitious of programs for this small group began to evolve. Special speakers and workshops had been planned for an all-day event, ending with a fancy banquet, all under the banner of Christmas on Cape Cod. Unfortunately, the best laid plans of mice and (wo)men never seem to work out. Just the same, this year's Christmas on Cape Cod program was described by many as "the best party yet."

The 2nd of December several early arrivals met at the Holiday Inn and availed themselves of the pool and jacuzzi and had supper either at the hotel or within the local area. Also that evening (and the next day), the adjacent shopping malls were invaded by the girls obtaining those last minute Christmas presents.

The next morning, a reception table was staffed in the main lobby. As each participant arrived, they were greeted with a special welcome and a package indicating schedules and items of interest. At 4 P.M. the delightful Carolann Gillard, owner/operator of Models Resale women's shop in Framingham (just outside of Boston) hosted a fashion show in the main dining room area, using some of her exclusive inventory. It was the highlight of the afternoon. The clothes included everything from the casual to the catty, and from the Concord Lady to the ever necessary

Fashion show models.

Candy Scott has been crossdressing since about the age of three. Having enlisted in the armed forces at the age of 17 (I'll kill this feeling once and for all) she spent almost 40 years in the military both in the Army and in the Air Force. A mustang (in many ways), she rose through the enlisted ranks to E-7 and then received a direct commission to 0-2. She recently retired as an 0-6. Having gone through many of the normal purges and some attempts at suicide due to her crossdressing and its ramifications, she is now settled with herself and has guided Innvestments as President since September 1992.

Lady Di receiving the Jennifer Eaton Special Service Award from Candy Scott.

black cocktail dress. All were modeled with superb taste by Patty, Judy, Karen Ann, Nancy and Joanie. Behind the scenes, Anne Henderson (of Transformations) provided the orchestration and assistance while the music cues were provided by Disc Diva Toon (aka Lady-DJ Stacey). The ooooh's and aaah's and the applause made it all worthwhile.

After changing into party dresses, the banquet began with Phyllis Vanetta Larson providing the invocation and Candy Scott welcoming everyone. After dinner, Candy announced the recipients of this year's awards. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Carolann Gillard and Anne Henderson for their support of Innvestments during the past year. A new tribute, the Atta Girl Award was initiated this year. The first one was presented to Jessi Martin for her efforts in appearing on Cape Cablevision with Ari Kane (Outreach Institute of Gender Studies). This TV program was considered by all who had viewed it as being one of the better presentations about the gender community. The second Atta Girl Award was presented to Carolann Gillard for her take-charge effort in presenting that afternoon's fashion show. After everything else had fallen apart, Carolann took the fashion show in tow and said "not to worry." It turned into a beautiful event. The

Cindy Crawford beware! Model, Patti, walks the walk.

prestigious Jennifer Eaton Special Service Award (named after one of the founders of Innvestments) was bestowed upon Diannah Porter of Vernon's Specialties. Lady Di has done many things behind the spotlight for Innvestments. Not only has she supported our group, but she has devoted many hours helping I.F.G.E. and the Tiffany Club of New England as well as promoting the transgendered community by appearing on several television shows. The recognition of Lady Di was long overdue. The President's

Candy Scott presenting the first Atta Girl Award to Jessi.

Award (Candy's favorite as she doesn't have to ask for anyone's input) was given to Rachia Heyelman for her many hours of dedication and assistance to the President. Rachia has undoubtedly put an additional 25,000 miles on her car's odometer taking people here and there: medical appointments, transportation to our monthly meetings, taking folks to the XX Club in Hartford or to Getting Real in Boston have all added up. Never once has there been a, "No, I just can't do it." It was always, "O.K. Candy, no problem." This is one super lady that richly deserved this award!

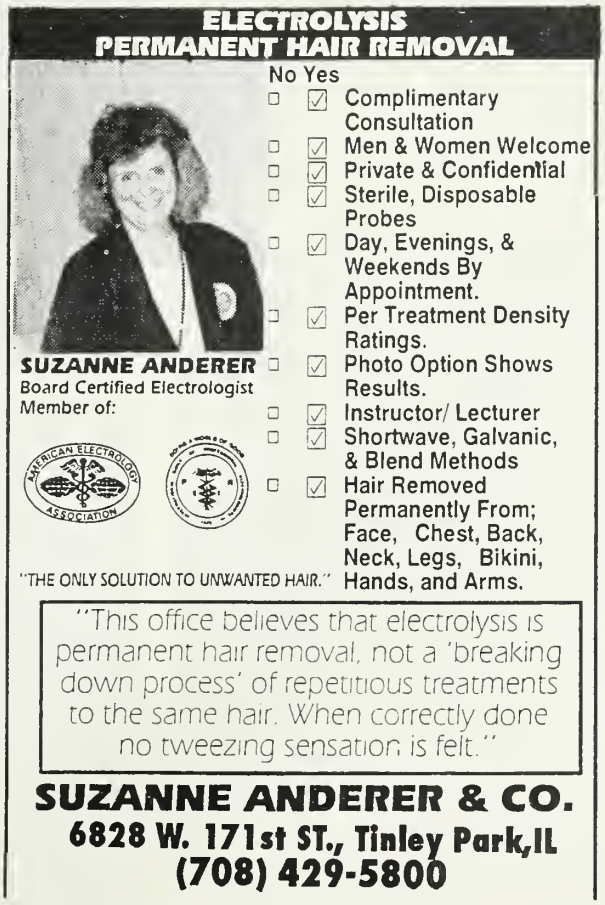
Candy Scott presents 2nd Atta Girl Award to Carolann Gillard of Models Resale.

Rachia Heyelman receiving the President's award.

The tables were turned on Candy for a moment. She had thought that she had outwitted everyone and gave several a scolding for trying to add her (Candy) into the program, but was truly surprised when Charlynn appeared at the podium and presented her with a collector's plate trimmed with gold and depicting two beautiful little girls sitting and enjoying each other's company. Needless to say, she was thrilled to get this memento from the group.

The keynote speaker was Yvonne Cook-Riley, the Director of Operations for I.F.G.E., she spoke eloquently of many new happenings within the community and places where we should point our efforts. Much supporting effort is required if I.F.G.E. is to continue its educational and leadership role within the community. Its efforts provide resources and representation that has benefitted each and every one of us. Yvonne had accepted our invitation in place of Dr. Sheila Kirk who was stuck in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, getting ready for her marriage which took place the next weekend. (We wish her much happiness in the years to come!!!) Earlier in the evening Yvonne was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation; one for her and one for her hubby Dan, who had to attend another function alone so that Yvonne could spend time with Innvestments. Her time, efforts as well as her words of wisdom were sincerely appreciated.

The evening ended up with excellent dance music by Stacey Toon. Later, everyone gathered in smaller groups, making friends and renewing old acquaintances. The fashion show was fabulous, the shopping was delightful, the food was delicious, the Holiday Inn hosts were terrific, the party was fantastic, the recipients of the awards were totally surprised, the music and was magnificent and the friendship was fantastic. Overall, we received the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.



Be All '94

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

by Linda Buten

Everyone loves a wedding. And you can count on a transgendered wedding to be uniquely different and exciting. As one might expect, the bride and groom's roles were reversed during this wedding held at Be All '94. For added spice, anyone who wanted to dress as a bride was invited to share the limelight. Twelve more ladies showed up in wedding gowns, including one stunning number in black. Some were simply elegant, while others were replete with pearls and lace. Cost was clearly no object.

In case that wasn't enough for you, there were two other weddings at the hotel that night, one in the room to our left, and one in the room to our right. You can imagine the looks of the curious in those two crowds. There were more outsiders posing for pictures with some or all of the brides in our wedding than in either of our neighbors'.

We were entertained Saturday night by the local Gay Men's chorus. They always put on a delightful show. I usually grab a few of those handsome guys afterwards for a picture or two. Nothing makes a girl feel prettier than being surrounded by an entourage of men in tuxedos. It's like being the only spot of color on a page of black and white.

Friday night was like Halloween. There was a Monte Carlo night where you could don a disguise. Creatures of all sorts came out to Be All You Want to Be (this) Weekend. Many went down to the bar later to scare a few of the locals.

There is nothing more relaxing than cruising down Pittsburgh's three rivers on a lazy summer night. The excellent food and scenery made this a very popular event. There will be a cruise down the Ohio River at this year's Be All in Cincinnati for those who didn't make it last year.

Nice legs! Many of the ladies went for a dip during the pool party. But, as you might suspect, others just pranced around showing off their sexy bodies. Where else besides a Miss America Pageant can you see so many gorgeous gals in tight swimsuits and high heels. The Be All continues its long tradition of being one of the finest transgender weekends. This year the surroundings will change with the move to Cincinnati, where the girls from Crossport promise us the time of our lives. For more information, call or write:

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Fall Harvest '94

Over the Rainbow

by Colette

Professional actors as Dorothy and the Scarecrow from The Wizard of Oz wow the crowd before the pageant dinner.

Fall Harvest is the annual event sponsored by the Mid-America Gender Group and Information Exchange (MAGGIE), made up of Iowa Artistry (IA), River City Gender Alliance (RCGA), St Louis Gender Foundation (STLGF), Crossdressers and Friends (CAF) and Wichita Transgender Alliance (WTA). Each year it is put on by one of the member groups out of the four states of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. This year the host group was Iowa Artistry and the event was held at the Sheraton Inn in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 17-20.

My adventures started on Thursday when, by about noon, I finally was ready with all my dresses and things to wheel onto the local Interstate and head south from Minneapolis. This would be my first Fall Harvest and, indeed, my first ever such event. Several hours later coming into Cedar Rapids from the west on US 30, I passed a huge corn processing plant belching white smoke and less than white odors from every conceivable opening. I must say that my dreams sagged some at this point since I knew Destination Fall Harvest to be fairly close by. I mean, what would this do to my French perfume? But I bravely continued on and a short time later when I pulled into the Sheraton Inn it could be said that corn was no longer "in the air."

Stephanie Vandemore modeling her wedding gown to close Friday night's Fashion Show.

Gloria Fredericks walking down the yellow brick road built with her own two hands.

Checking in I was delighted that the very kind of room I reserved was actually waiting for me, the one with a Queen. After piling all my luggage onto a cart, I negotiated the elevator and the long corridor to the room and found it a dream come true with two (2) full length mirrors in the main room as well as a wall-to-wall mirror above the bathroom sink illuminated by a row of small light bulbs just like in the theatre! I couldn't think of a better place for Colette to emerge from. And indeed "emerging" was in order since the opening pool-side pizza party was coming right up.

Opening my luggage I discovered that a rayon blouse had wrinkled some despite my most careful packing. What's a lady to do? I turned to dial the front desk in distress and it was like, "No problem, we'll just send you up an ironing board and iron." For a girl on her first trip away from home all this seemed amazing. Heaven can't be far off. But no time to wait, I needed to start my changeover.

First, off with all the heavy, dull male clothes (ugh) and on with the silks and pretty things. Then add some curls topside and go for the make-up.

Cindy Finger, sound manager, and Sorceress Elayne Anderson, video manager talking over technical details before the pageant.

Finishing up with lipstick (my favorite part), I then had to do several rounds on the mirrors for mutual admiration before off to pool-side.

Nervous and excited, I arrived just in time to choose among at least four different types of pizza, all excellent. I had the good fortune to have Julianne from Iowa Artistry sit next to me and so was able to pick up all sorts of tid-bits about the Iowa scene (nothing salacious I hasten to add). Turns out that Iowa is more than pork and beef (and, of course, the corn, let us not forget the corn). And in the weekend ahead I became convinced that Iowa Artistry is a vibrant part of this Iowa "moreness." Celebrating this year's Fall Harvest by taking the Wizard of Oz story about the adventures of a country girl from Iowa (or was that Kansas?), they went "Over the Rainbow" with it.

The next morning, what with all my luxurious accommodations (the Queen, remember), I slept late. This was followed by using the remote on the side of the bed doing channel grazing. Would you know it, this very morning Oprah was having her entire show on the latest "Miss" fashions! Well, of course, I got carried away with this and lost track of time, ending up barely making it to the luncheon hosted by the Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends. After dessert, the CAF president gave us a lovely welcome.

Anndrea Daniels performing during the talent show portioin of the pageant.

This was followed by drawings for lots of great door prizes.

With lunch over I walked the fairly long ways to our seminar area and chose to go to Jennifer Richards' (St. Louis) excellent presentation on feminine deportment as well as other girl things. Then some shopping from a vendor who had just about everything a girl could want. What with dallying here and dallying there, I barely had time to get ready for dinner (this was a pattern by now). Actually this turned out fine since the other late arrivals at the last table were extra friendly. After dinner we were treated to a fashion show. Lots of variety and creativity here including not a few short numbers.

The culmination of this year's fashion show was a presentation by Stephanie Vandemore of Iowa Artistry of that epitome of femininity, the wedding dress. But this wasn't just any wedding dress which she modeled, not by a long shot. When Stephanie made her entrance a collective gasp could be heard, so breath-taking was the effect. She seemed to be something like an apparition. I could hardly believe what I saw before me. The pure whiteness of it all, along with a very full veil, of course, helped in that effect. She must have known that she had us enthralled, for she stood in stately fashion, not moving for the longest time, before beginning to proceed up and across the front of the stage assisted on the turns by an attendant in black, adjusting the train of her dress. Primarily her effect upon us was due to the exquisiteness of her dress. I have never seen a wedding dress anywhere as beautiful as this one. She had had it custom made for her with gorgeous pearl-like bead work. Obviously I got carried away, but I

Christine Alan performing in the talent show part of the pageant.

Jennifer Marie Sportsman, Miss Fall Harvest 1994 receives her roses from Stephanie Vandemore.

was not alone. Stephanie's presentation as bride archetype was for me the high point of this year's Fall Harvest.

After some break time needed to get breathing restarted, a talent show began. Highlighting this year's Wizard of Oz theme, it started with a skit by Anna Appleby (last year's Ms Fall Harvest and this year's IA president) in pigtails and gingham pinafore playing Dorothy, and Gloria of River City Gender Alliance (Omaha) playing the good witch (in a fairy godmother outfit). They had a real goofy dialog including the lines of Dorothy saying to the good witch that she had thought that all witches were ugly but that "you are beautiful" followed by money changing hands. The good witch tells Dorothy that she has come just in time to help save the transmunchins from the gender police of the west. After this skit, Gloria proceeded to bring on the talent acts which ranged from excellent stand-up comedy to, at the end, some very energetic tap dancing by Stephanie V. (alas, no longer on a bridal pedestal) to the tune of "Tea for Two." The evening ended with two duets, the first with Anna coming back in evening dress (slight change here) accompanied by her bright green hand puppet friend Oscar. The two of them synched to one another a funny sort of love piece. Oscar was a scream with his big red mouth opening up so wide, bobbing up and down to the music. (I learned afterwards that Anna and Oscar are Harvest Festival traditions.) The other duet featured beautiful singing about friendship and closeness by Jennifer R. (STLGA) and Beverly (IA).

Afterward, as I walked down the long carpeted corridor back to my room, I found myself getting into a kind of feminine body sway. Fetched out from my purse the plastic card with holes punched in it which they issued in lieu of key, stuck it in the slot, turned handle and door refused to open! First time that had ever happened. Tried again and again to no avail. So I just had to get my pretty little self walking back down that long corridor (with a little less sway) to the elevator to the front desk. I was issued a replacement card after being asked my registration name which I had to struggle some to remember (I was pretty much into being Colette by this time). Still couldn't get my door open. So back at the desk this time I asked for help! So along comes this bellhop fellow (without being asked) and says, "I'd like to help her with her room." There was something about the sound of his offer that I really liked.

On the way to my room he's telling me in a very sincere way how much he personally appreciates our being at the Sheraton and sure hopes we'll come back. I'm having a hard time believing what I'm hearing. It sounds so wonderful, especially after having seen some of the male wait-staff seeming to flatten themselves against a corridor wall earlier as I walked past, as if I was a major threat or something. Maybe they were just trying to be extra polite. Anyway, he opens my door first try. I ask to try myself and I can't get it to open. Again he opens it with no problem. After my failing again he tactfully notices that I'm not pushing the card in quite all the way. Also turning the handle too soon. Well, what do you know. I had no problems on the first day-and-a-half here, but isn't it just like a woman to get confused over time by these mechanical things. And I must say that being rescued from my own helplessness by a gallant knight felt like a darn delight for Colette. His parting words were to the effect of how pleased he was in having served me. I thanked him in my sweetest voice and floated into my room waving goodbye with the plastic card.

Meanwhile at the hotel bar, a scene is unfolding which truly will make history in the annals of Fall Harvests. It centers around one of the contestants from the earlier talent show by the name of Ramona (one of our Minnesota gals). The story goes that sometime after midnight this tireless performing artist walked up to the DJ presiding at the very back of the bar and asked him ever so sweetly to spin "I Did It My Way" on the Karaoke player. And then Ramona proceeded to belt it out!

Jennifer Richards & Beverly Wayne sing "That's What Friends Are For".

Well everyone came to their feet including members of the local rugby team and spouses who were celebrating a night out on the town and occupied about half the bar. After Ramona finished, the rugby folks, for the first time all evening, began talking with our ladies of the Fall Harvest. The ice was broken!

After a very restful night and morning, I did my usual rush down to luncheon. Naomi Owen (long-time IFGE board member and recipient of the Virginia Prince award) was our honored speaker. She described and decried the fairly recent increase in the exploitation of crossdressers for ratings purposes on the newer, more local talk shows springing up all over. Such makes the educational outreach programs of our community, whether to colleges or to the broader public a through various media outlets, all the more important today.

In our afternoon group, we had a free-ranging discussion led by Gloria of River City covering everything from self acceptance to the question of the erotic component in crossdressing. I liked what the talkative members had to say, and felt fine until I actually got called on, at which point I experienced a panic attack, managing only to say, "Pass." Maybe it was all the new people and strange surroundings, but for whatever reason, I had gotten myself into a real shy place. My habit of barely making the meals was some indication of this. But what I figure is that it had more to do with being in unfamiliar gender territory, with being Colette and, more specifically, with feeling more vulnerable as Colette. I would guess that many of us have experienced this to a greater or lesser extent. We all know that along with an external gender change, comes an internal change, a change at the emotional level. Fortunately, all this keeps on changing over time, so we can carry on without feeling stuck in acute shyness or whatever it might be. I 'd like to think so.

Where was I? Oh yes, we are onto the final evening banquet and Beauty Pageant of Fall Harvest '94. Without going into all the gastronomic details, let me just say that the meal we were served that evening was really super. But indeed, all the meals we had at the Sheraton were definitely "above average" (as we say in Minnesota). To start off the evening festivities, Beverly (of earlier duet fame) employed her beautiful voice once again to sing this year's Fall Harvest theme, "Over the Rainbow." Now comes the Beauty Pageant. As best I can recall, there were eight beauties entered and the competition was divided into three areas: contemporary dress, talent presentation and finally, the ever popular evening gown. For each part the contestant would have a pre-written a blurb to go with whatever, which was then read as an introduction to her number by the MC. Often these intros were very well written, obviously a lot of thought went into them. The talent displays went from playing a Beethoven piano sonata all the way to a blast-out dance/lip sync rendition of "New York, New York" (no this wasn't Ramona). Suffice it to say that their evening gowns made my "new" elegant number from Repeat Boutique look on the plain side. I heard some veterans of many Fall Harvests saying afterwards that this was clearly the best Beauty Pageant ever. Despite such challenges, the judges were able to agree upon a winner and she was Jennifer Marie Sportsman. Jennifer not only has beauty and talent, but also a strong record of being an advocate for our community for many years.

The next morning after a scrumptious buffet brunch, I went back to my room for the last time (sigh). Just a few things left to pack along with getting myself all the way back into male garb (my morning attire had been transitional unisex). Driving home from Cedar Rapids was literally a breeze compared with going down (the strong winds were with me instead of against me this time). Perhaps corny to say (although appropriate for Iowa) that I'll never be quite the same after my experience at Fall Harvest. And I feel tremendous gratitude toward those amazing gals of Iowa Artistry who spent hundreds of hours preparing for the event and, then during it, kept it going so smoothly on about three hours sleep a night. It is meeting challenges like they did which welds a group together and makes for that closeness and friendship that we all want.

Ramona, her old friends, and her new friends (the local rugby team) thanks to the Karaoke machine.

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6th ANNUAL FALL HARVEST CELEBRATES ST. LOUIS

The regional Fall Harvest Convention, now in its sixth year, travels for 1995 to St. Louis, Missouri. Sponsored by **MAGGIE** and hosted this year by the **St. Louis Gender Foundation**, the annual event maintains its high level of organization, professional special events and top professional guests, speakers, support and guidance.

Contracted for October 26-29, 1995, the Ramada Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center offers old-world elegance in the heart of St. Louis. The handsome English Tudor Inn features unusual recreational facilities, fine dining and extremely spacious rooms at a very affordable price. Henry VIII is located 5 minutes from Lambert International Airport with courtesy van shuttle service and less than 15 minutes to downtown St. Louis.

The theme "Celebrate St. Louis" will exemplify the greatness of this Mid-Western city. Friday evening's festivities include the traditional fashion and talent shows to an unusual display of Missouri foods and decor entitled A Taste of St. Louis.

The annual Miss Fall Harvest Pageant Saturday evening, will pay tribute to the 1904 World's Fair with the theme *Meet Me In St. Louie*. Highlighted will be period dresses, memorabilia from the fair, classic designs of the era and completion of the reign of **Jennifer Marie Sportsman**, as Miss Fall Harvest 1994.

The semi-annual **Congress of Transgendered Organ-izations** (CTO) will be a featured meeting at the convention, introducinq many Mid-Western repre-sentatives to national leaders and organizers.

The 4-track system of classes and seminars will be tabled for a year to experiment with the concept of open seminars in an attempt to offer pertinent information and accessibility for all to the extensive list of guest professionals.

Contacts for the event include **Jennifer Richards**, Chair for the event, with **Micki Daniels,** Vice-Chair and **Jordynne Baker,** Registar/Secretary for StLGF.

Brochures and professional guest listings will be available for distribution February 1, 1995 in time for the Texas Tea-Party.

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EMPRESS BILLIE ANN MILLER & EMPEROR RON to Crown Successor at NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS

Empress VIII Billie Ann Miller and **Emperor V Ron** of the Imperial Court of New York will take their final walk on Saturday, March 25 at the **9th Annual Night of A Thousand Gowns.** This annual Charity/ Coronaton Ball, produced by the **Imperial Court of New York**, is expected to draw over 1000 of New York's most glamorous drag queens, performers and their friends from the gay, lesbian and transgender community to the Imperial Ballroom of the Sheraton New York.

At the stroke of midnight, Empress Billlie Ann and Emperor Ron will relinquish their crowns to the newly elected monarch of the Imperial Court, **Philomena**. Philomena, a well-loved personality of New York City and Cherry Grove, Fire Island, will be crowned Empress IX at a glittering ceremony to be attended by out-of-town royalty from all over the United States and Canada. Philomena is a performer who is known for her theatre work, as well as weekly appearances as a co-host of the Gay Entertainment Television Show *Party Talk*, which is currently being syndicated nationally. Philomena has long been a recognized personalilty on the New York City charity and benefit scene and will be seen in the upcoming Amblin Entertainment (**Steven Spielberg**) production of *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*, with Patrick Swayze and Wesley Snipes.

The beneficiaries o this much awaited Ball are the **Communlty Health Project** (CHP) and the **Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation** (GLAAD). GLAAD, founded in 1985, is dedicated to fair, accurate and inclusive representation of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals in the media. CHP, founded in 1983, is New York's only community-based medical facility dedicated to meeting the myriad health care needs of the lesbian, gay and HIV/AIDS communities—regardless of anyone's ability to pay. A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Court's Imperial Diamond Award to **Deborah Glick**, New York State Assembly person. Ms. Glick will be the fifth recipient of this prestigious award which is given every year for outstanding service to the lesbian and gay community.

The Night of a Thousand Gowns will also culminate and celebrate the successful reign of reigning Empress Billie Ann Miller and Emperor Ron. Ron currently serves on Community Board No. 2 - Manhattan, where he is the co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Issues Committee. Billie Ann has been involved with fund raising for the community for 25 years, both in New York City and on Fire Island; most notably with the Arts Project of Cherry Grove. Both Emperor Ron and Empress Billie Ann have traveled extensively and performed all over the United States and Canada representing the New York Court at Regal functions. They have also graced numerous fundraising events in the cuty.

The Night of a Thousand Gowns is the most glamoruus fundraising event on the New York Gay scene. Over the years the Imperial Court of New York has raised over $100,000 for various organizations including the **Gay Men's Health Crises**, the **Anti-Violence Project**, **Body Positive**, the **PWA Health Group**, **Gay Games IV** and the **Community Center of New York.**

"Along with dinner and dancing, the Night of A Thousand Gowns is an excellent opportunity to display the diversity of the community - as well as some fabulous gowns, boas, tiaras and jewels," remarked Charles King, aka **Coco LaChine**, President of the Court.

The Imperial Court is well-loved in the gay community. They participate in many community fundraising events throughout the year: Whether it is entertaining PWAs at hospitals, passing out condoms at Grand Central Station, entertaining seniors at social events, adding additional glamour to events such as the recent Dada Ball, Wigstock or the Heritage of Pride Awards or performing at fundrasing shows. They are glamorous. They are fun. They are everywhere.

This is one Ball you do not want to miss. For ticket information, call **(212) 475-0838.**

THE F_2M FRATERNITY

An Information Network and Support Group

For Female-To-Male Transsexuals, Crossdressers, Their Significant Others and Interested Helping Professionals

F_2M was founded in 1987 in response to a need for a support network run by and for female-to-males in the New-York-Metropolitan area.

We have meetings approximately every 6 weeks. Meetings are held in private apartments in New York City where confidentiality is assured. There are no dues or fees. Our only resource is the knowledge, experience, and support of our members. The meeings are informal and unstructured. We welcome F-M transsexuals, anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-to-M gender reassignment. We have members of all ages, races and backgrounds, in all stages of transition from F-to-M. What brings them together is the challenge of living their lives as men.

MEETING SCHEDULE 1995: February 4, March 18, April 29, June 10, July 22, October 7, November 11. All meetings will be held on Saturday Evening from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. Please call (212) 570-2360 for the location and to confirm that the meeting is taking place.

MONTHLY RADIO SHOW TO FEATURE GENDER ISSUES

Beginning 10 October, 1994, **Sarah DePalma**, the Houston media coordinator for the **International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy**, will be co-hosting a three hour informational and news program on radio station **KPFT** in Houston, Texas. This program will air once per month as part of a rotating schedule aimed at the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. This is thought to be the first program in the country produced by a transgendered individual for the transgender community. In addition Ms. DePalma will be producing spot news segments and features about the transgender community for a second program on the same station.

So that I may better serve our listening audience I am requesting people send information to the radio station:

Attn: **"After Hours"/Sarah**
Radio Station KPFT
419 Lovett Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77006

MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN

The **Greater New York Gender Alliance** is pleased to announce **MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN-1995**. This is a premier social event of the year for the gender community and will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania on April 20 to 23.

The event will kick off on Friday morning, April 21 with a welcoming breakfast featuring noted speakers and an introduction to shopping in Manhattan. This will be followed with several workshops presented by such famous consultants as **Jim Bridges** of Studio City, CA speaking on makeovers; **Muriel Olive** of Fem Fashions in New York City on creating the proper image; **Dr. Lilith Martin** on coming out of the closet; **Dr. Mechanic** of New York City on hormones and body chemistry; **Jesse Herbeson** on electrolysis; and others. Friday evening will feature **Carl Ferrandos'** fabulous fashion show followed by the famous GNYGA night club bus tour. A premier program for the out-and-about is also planned which includes dinner at a famous restaurant and Broadway show.

Saturday, April 22 will start with brunch at the historic South Street Seaport museum with restored docks, fish markets, tall ships and shopping boutiques. South Street Seaport is on the south end of Manhattan island and within walking distance of Battery park, the Staten Island ferry and Wall Street. After brunch all participants will have the day free to explore Manhattan or to attend other workshops at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

Saturday evening will be the exciting formal dinner/dance with entertainment provided by the ladies of the **Imperial Court of New York**, directly from their famous **Night of a Thousand Gowns**.

The Hotel Pennsylvania is directly across the street from Madison Square Garden and the Pennsylvania Railroad station with easy access from Amtrak, Long Island Railroad and New Jersey Transit. It is also one block from Macy's, A&S store, A&S Mall and in the middle of the shopping district.

Moonlight in Manhattan is the primary fundraising event of the GNYGA. Profits realized are donated to the **International Foundation for Gender Education**, the **Gender Identity Project of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of New York** and to other worthwhile causes.

Registration:
Linda Frank
330 W 45th St, Suite 3H
New York, NY 10036
(212) 765-3561

FULL CIRCLE OF WOMEN
March 31- April 2,1995

The **1995 Full Circle of Women** conference for people who identify as women will be held at the Essex Conference Center on the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. (There were several people whose return trips were iffy because of the weather last year, and later in the spring will be less nerve-wracking for me.) The conference will begin on Friday evening March 31 and end Sunday afternoon, so it will be the same length (and the same cost, $250) as last year. Most of the suggestions for improvement of the conference centered on the workshops, so some changes will be made. The size of workshops will be reduced, and we will use more workshop areas so we can have more of them. The issue of expertise in workshop facilitation will also be addressed.

WANTED:
Ten people to register early so I can reserve the conference center (translation: send me your $100 now!). If you can afford to do so, I would really appreciate your letting me use your money for this purpose (while reserving a space for yourself at the conference). I realize that this is long-range planning and anything can happen, so if you register now, your money will be refunded in full if you decide before January 31, 1995, that you can't make it.

So, mark your calendar and plan to spend April Fools' Day with a bunch of fools at Essex by the sea (if you're so inclined). I've tried to avoid conflicts with known events of interest to the gender community (as well as Easter, which is April 16). Hope I've succeeded. Also, spread the word, and please let me know of anyone I should add to the brochure mailing list. Thanks!

Janis Walworth
P O Box 52
Ashby MA 01431
(508) 386-7737

GRADUATE STUDENT DOING RESEARCH ON CROSSDRESSING

Jennifer Whitlock is conducting research on men who crossdress as subjects for her research as part of her Master's Degree requirements at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. This research will help expand the meager research on crossdressers and help students understand this population.

She needs subjects to complete three short personality surveys. Anybody willing to volunteer to assist with the research please write **Jennifer Whitlock**, 318 N. Jefferson Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

"Call no man foe, but never love a stranger."
- Stella Benson

GENDER - ORIENTED SUPPORT GROUPS for Family & Significant Others

The following professionally facilitated suppot groups are sponsored by the **Gender Identity Project of The Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center**. Each group meets for ten sessions at The Center at 208 West 13th St. in New York City at 7:30 pm. There is no charge, Please call ahead to let us know that you will attend. Contact **Kit Rachlin, Ph.D.** (212) 570-2360.

Support group for the Family and Significant Others of people who are transgendered or considering Gender transition: this is a group for mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children and partners of people who are transgendered or are first questioning their gender identity. A gender transition involves adjustments not only for the individual making the change but for everyone around him or her as well. Significant Others can be profoundly affected by the changes they see in a person they love. This group is an opportunity for people to talk about their feelings and share experiences. It will meet the following ten Wednesdays from 7.30 pm-9:00 pm.: January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 8, 22, April 5, 19, May 3, 17.

Support group for Couples at least one of whom is transgendered, considering gender tansition, or experiencing gender confusion. This is a group for couples to talk about the particular issues that arise when one member is transgendered or questioning their gender identity. This is a good opportunity to meet other couples in similar situations. Group will meet the following ten Wednesdays from 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm.: January 18, February 1, 15, March 1, 15, 29, April 12, 26, May 10, 24.

1st annual TRANSGENDER Community Meeting

The **Los Angeles Gender Center** hosted its first annual open-house meeting for the Los Angeles transsexual, transgendered and crossdressing communities on Sunday September 11, 1994, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Women's Center, 1512 S. Robertson Blvd. in West Los Angeles. The meeting was an opportunity to share information about services and programs related to the transsexual, transgendered and cross-dressing communities. There was a panel discussion that included **Gerald Leve, M.D.**, endocrinologist; **Amanda Silvestri**, founder of American Transsexual Education Center; **Jeff Shevlowitz**, founder of the Under Construction Club, a networking group for female-to-male transsexuals in Southern California; and **Marie Keller**, MFCC, founder and executive director of the Los Angeles Gender Center.

The Los Angeles Gender Center is a collaboration of mental health professionals who provide state-of-the art team treatment for individuals and their families dealing with issues of gender and sexuality. In addition, the center provides specialized education, training and consultations to the professional community. The Center, located on 1923½ Westwood Blvd. in Los Angeles, was founded to help in healing the split created by the polarization of gender. Abiding by the Harry Benjamin guidelines, L.A.G.C. provides treatment for gender dysphoria, individual and group counseling, testing, assessment, and documentation when appropriate, for those seeking sex reassignment surgery. Family therapy and staff participation in transitions on the job are also provided within the program. Other services include treatment for couples, and self-esteem and sexuality workshops for teens and their parents, all based on sliding scale fees.

Contact: **Marie Keller**, MFCC, (310) 475-8880

RADIO SHOW Finalist for Awards

"Working Girls with Frances and Cassandra," broadcast on Saturday afternoons in Washington, DC, showcases the talents of **Frances Brown**, a Fairfax County Virginia resident and those of **Cassandra St. John**, aka, Cheryl Costa and **Linda Schaefer** who are both Montgomery County Maryland residents. The show is a finalist in the A.I.R. Awards sponsored by the Ford Motor Company to benefit the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies in the categories Best New Talent in the Market and Best Continuing Program Feature.

The premise of the show is the dissimilar chemistry for two working women, one a blonde, big breasted, geezer-chasing material girl, the other a male-to-female TS lesbian, kitchen witch and happy homemaker; or the blonde bombshell and the bionic woman.

The program debuted in April as a rowdy women's party on Saturday nights. The program features lively and progressive adult situation comedy in a conversational and sometimes standup comedy style.

A Plus Electrolysis Moves

Karin T. Ford, RE, CCE, announces that **A Plus Electrolysis** has moved to One Old Country Road, Pocasset, Massachusetts, 02159. The new telephone number is (508) 564-4492. The high standards and professionalism will not change.

Trying To Get *TRANSGENDER* In The Employment Non-Discrimination Act Of 1994

On Friday, 29 July 1994, we attended a hearing and attempted to testify to the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee about bill S.2238: **"The Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994."** This was privately financed by both of us and NOT a function of the Transgender Law Conference because ICTLEP is 501(c)(3) and therefore cannot lobby. Since we are both "OUT," we do not need the protection of this law; but, as transgender activists, we frequently receive letters and phone calls from trans-gendered people like you who have lost or fear losing their jobs. There is scant legal redress: legal redress depends upon IF you live in one of a handful of states that MAY allow you into court on transgender job issues.

We found that S. 2238 required immediate, political action! THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT WILL PROTECT LESBIANS, GAYS AND BISEXUALS, **BUT NOT YOU**. A deliberate decision was made by lesbian, gay and bisexual activists to omit you and to not have your stereotype as a distraction to the passage of S. 2238. Yet, as we watched, the transgender stereotype was hauled out by bigoted witnesses anyway. Those managing the bill knew we were there and had read our written texts, but blocked us from testifying for transgender inclusion in the law.

We know that most of you are not "out," and that most of you are terrified by the thought. Consider that the inclusion of transgender job protection in S. 2238 is critical! Such inclusion can positively affect your future job security. If "transgender" does not get included in this law, then you will probably have to wait for another generation for federal job protection. How old will you be then, still terrified, still deeply closeted and still without much job protection, if any at all.

We need your grassroots support. Please do these things:

1. Make ten or more copies of this article. Send them to your transgender friends.

2. Write letters to members of congress. Tell them that people who are transgendered or appear to be gay, lesbian or bisexual need to be included in this bill. Send copies of your letters to us.

3. Help us finance this. (ICTLEP cannot do political action.)

We simply cannot afford more time from our jobs; staggering telephone, postage and copying expenses; and more air tickets to DC and car rentals without your help. If you must remain in your closets, then at lease send to each of us some money in our own name, from $5 to $5,000 (non-tax deductible).

4. Also support ICTLEP with tax-deductible donations.

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"There is no female mind. The brain is not an organ of sex. As well speak of a female liver."
- Charlotte P. Gilman

PHYSICIAN SOUGHT

A New England gender and general medicine clinic serving pre-op & post-op Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, Intersexed persons and their families seeks a dedicated, compassionate physician in general medicine to round out our team of medical professionals.

Professional Experience with the Transgendered and Intersexed a plus.

Sensitivity and understanding for this community a must.

Send your c.v. & cover letter promptly to:

G.G.S.N.E.
c/o IFGE
123 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02154

Transgendered, minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SOUGHT

A New England gender and general medicine clinic serving pre-op & post-op Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, Intersexed persons and their families seeks mental health professionals who seek to make a difference.

If you are a trained, dedicated mental health professional because you care about people and the human condition and if you are transgendered or sympathetic to those who are, please send your cover letter and c.v. promptly to:

G. G. S. N. E.
c/o IFGE
123 Moody Street
Waltham, MA 02154

Transgendered persons are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO COUNTER THE GROWING TREND TO ABRIDGE RIGHTS

The nation's leading lesbian and gay rights organizations have come together in an unprecedented show of unity to fight a battle that will profoundly affect the future of all Americans. We urgently need your help to ensure that the principles of equality and fairness prevail in this fight.

In 1994, the gay and lesbian community has come under intense attack, with the Radical Right targeting ten states with anti-gay initiatives. So far, two measures have qualified for the ballot, one in Idaho and another in Oregon. This is the third time that Oregon has been targeted.

If these measures become law, gay men, lesbians and bisexuals will face discrimination on the job, in housing and in public accommodations. People could be fired from their jobs or denied a place to live simply for being honest about their sexual orientation.

As someone strongly committed to gay and lesbian rights, you understand the threat these measures pose. Not only to people in Idaho and Oregon, but to all Americans. If the Radical Right is victorious in either Idaho or Oregon, or worse yet, in both, they will have the momentum to bring their campaign of intolerance and deception to other states. Possibly even to your own state.

Citizens in both Idaho and Oregon need your help to defend their home states against the Radical Right. That's why we are asking other concerned friends like yourself to contribute as generously as possible to Oregon. We are asking that you contribute to Idaho. Won't you please send an emergency contribution of $35, $50, $100, or more to **Idaho's No On One Coalition** today?

Your donation will help to even the odds in Idaho, where fair-minded citizens opposing Proposition One face the full financial and political might of the Radical Right - led by Pat Robertson and his powerful political machine.

With its vast resources and army of political operatives, the Radical Right is already busy driving wedges between the people of Idaho - by portraying its campaign of deception as an effort to prevent lesbians and gay men from receiving "special rights." And while Idaho's No On One Coalition is comprised of experienced and dedicated community activists, they cannot hope to match the Radical Riqht's financial and organizational advantages without your help.

That's why every penny of your contribution will go directly to the No On One Coalition, to help them to:

Educate Voters - through a comprehensive campaign to expose the Radical Right's lies, and help the people of Idaho to understand that gay men and lesbians do not yet have equal rights, let alone special rights.

Out-Organize the Radical Right - by using opposition research, polling and other sophisticated campaign tools to out-maneuver the Radical Right.

Get Fair-Minded Voters To The Polls - with a comprehensive get-out-the-vote effort to counter the Radical Right's proven ability to get right-wing extremists to the polls.

And while the immediate purpose of your contribution will be to help defeat the Idaho ballot initiative, your support will also help accomplish several important long-term goals. For example, by helping to defeat the initiative in Idaho, you will also help stop the Radical Right's momentum nationwide. An equal-rights win in Idaho would strike a major blow against efforts to pass anti-gay initiatives in other states.

And by supporting the No On One Coalition's voter-education efforts, you will help to foster lasting tolerance in Idaho - by debunking the myths that cause anti-gay prejudice, and by exposing the Radical Right's plan to impose their extremist views on every American. In addition, your financial backing will help to build a national network to fight anti-gay prejudice whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head. But in order to defeat the Radical Right in Idaho the No On One Coalition needs your support today.

It's critical that committed individuals like you join the fight against the Radical Right's campaign of intolerance today. Every one of us must stand with the people of Idaho and with others who are threatened by this right-wing extremism. Because if we are not there for them now, who will be there to help when the Radical Right comes to your state?

Please do your part right now to help the people of Idaho stand up to Pat Robertson and the Radical Right movement - by sending an emergency donation to Idaho's No On One Coalition today. Thank you for your immediate response.

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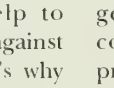
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 628-4160



"People should be beautiful in every way-in their faces, in the way they dress, in their thoughts and in their innermost selves."
- Anton Chekov

How "GAY" Are You?

Just how gay are you? Even if you are sexually attracted to your own gender, do you ever fantasize about the opposite sex? Do you develop emotional attachments with the opposite sex? Do you prefer socializing with the opposite sex? San Diego psychiatrist **Fritz Klein** has had innumerable gay and lesbian patients who were comfortable in an out-of-the-closet lifestyle, but had questions about nebulous interests in the opposite sex. They wondered about more than just physical acts and occasional fantasies.

"Some people prefer to have sex with one gender but are emotionally involved with the other," Klein notes. "Physical attraction is only one variable out of many. A gay man may prefer a straight woman as a housemate to living in an all gay situation. He may prefer socializing with heterosexuals to gay bars. And he may not think of himself as predominantly gay." So Klein developed the Klein Sexual Orientation Grid to reflect a person's overall being, not just physical acts or sexual attraction. He included the grid in the recent update of his book, *The Bisexual Option.*

At first Klein relied on Alfred Kinsey's Homosexual/ Heterosexual Rating Scale which recognized sexual orientation as a continuum instead of an either/or determination. The seven-point scale ranges from a one as exclusively heterosexual to seven being exclusively homosexual. A person rating five is predominantly homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual. As much of an improvement as Kinsey's scale was over labeling a person either homosexual or heterosexual, Klein takes it further. His sexual orientation grid includes sexual attraction, sexual behavior, sexual fantasies, emotional preference, social preference, homosexual/ heterosexual lifestyle and self-identification. Each category is divided into past, present and ideal.

"Sexual attraction is not synonymous with sexual behavior," Klein says. He cites a 34-year-old mother of two children as an example. "She was monogamous with her husband, but she admitted she has been attracted to women since her childhood," he notes. In recent decades stars such as Elton John and Boy George have identified themselves as bisexual. But San Diego psychiatrist Fritz Klein believes some celebrities of the past who were labeled homosexual were more likely bisexual. And many gays today may have more interests in the opposite gender than they have realized.

"Oscar Wilde was not a homosexual," Klein declares. Though tried and convicted in the 1890s in England for homosexuality, Klein believes Wilde was bisexual. "He was in love with his wife and they had two sons. He wrote beautiful love letters to her," Klein states. Prior to his marriage he had emotional and sexual love affairs with women which would have qualified him as a womanizer in today's terms. But even Wilde's early poems exhibited an interest in male physical beauty. During his last 14 years, he was equally enthusiastic about men, Klein noted.

While a gay man may rate himself a "six" on the Kinsey scale (predominantly homosexual, only incidentally heterosexual) the Klein grid gives a broader picture. The same gay man places himself at a 6 in attraction and behavior but has a slightly higher level of fantasies for women (5). Emotionally and socially he is equally involved with men and women and his lifestyle is evenly mixed between straight and gay - giving him a 4 rating in those categories. He identifies himself as mostly gay for a 6. With his totals running 6-6-5-4-4-4-6 shows a more diverse sexual orientation than Kinsey.

The results may help people reach their full potential, Klein believes. For example, self identification as just gay or straight can be "a painful self-limitation. A bisexual who views him or herself as a homosexual suffers not only because of the label. He or she may find nothing negative in being 'gay.' But one part of that person knows that the label is a lie." If the grid shows they are not as exclusively homosexual or heterosexual as they had thought, it may encourage them to be who they really are, Klein says. Because the gay community frequently has rejected bisexuality as homosexuals living in denial, some gay men and lesbians may have repressed even the slightest interest in the opposite sex. "People differ infinitely - in height, intelligence, excitability, perseverance, color, age, point of view, nationality, religion, weight, sex ability, and on and on and on. In every external and internal way they differ. There is no bisexual person who necessarily reflects a 50/50 degree ratio between his male and female preference."

Klein also has found people change over their lives. "I have seen gays gravitate to heterosexual or bisexual, but I have to emphasize that this is limited to only some people. It is more likely for bis to change than gays."

Klein's book, ***The Bisexual Option*** (Second Edition, Harrington Park Press, An Imprint of The Haworth Press, 1993) is available in bookstores or can be ordered for $17.95 plus $2 shipping and handling at 4545 Park Blvd. #207, San Diego, CA 92116.

For More Information call **Dr. Fritz Klein, MD** (619) 542-0088.

Proposal for a NATIONAL TRANSSEXUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

We are planning a nationally-oriented conference focusing on transsexual and trans-gendered health issues. Most of us in the trans community have found the quantity and the quality of health information available to us varies dramatically from one locale to the next. In addition, most current conferences on transsexual and transgender health are designed and populated by medical or psychiatric professionals, interested in us as patients, and at which we are usually unwelcome to attend at all. We need a change!

The National Transsexual Health Conference is intended as a community-based effort, drawing on groups like yours for its input, topics, and suggestions for speakers, as well as planning, execution, and promotion. NTHC will be by and for transsexual and transgendered people, focusing on the information we need to make better choices about our lives. This means in addition to having an MD discuss hormone treatment, we would like a panel discussion by transpeople discussing their *own* experience with hormone regimens. What do you think?

Because our community includes a diversity of incomes, we think NTHC should appeal to a range of budgets. The convention fee will be on a sliding scale, and attendees will be able to select from accommodations by local transpeople at little or no cost, reasonable group rates at local hotels, or rooms at one of New York's finest hostelries. Again, what do you think?

The conference is tentatively planned for April 21-23, 1995. Arrival and orientation will be

Friday evening, and scheduled workshops will begin first thing Saturday morning. There will be a second track for professionals and health care providers planned for Friday April 20 which will be open to *all* trans attendees at *no* cost. These sessions will be conducted by both professionals and community members. Sessions conclude Saturday evening followed by the Annual Moonlight in Manhattan Dinner Dance sponsored by the Greater New York Gender Alliance. Sunday morning is reserved for individual break-out sessions on "hot topics" and action ideas: exchange phone numbers, plot subversive actions, or start the planning for NTHC '96 in your city!

We need your help to make the first National Transsexual Health Conference a success for all of us. We also need additional co-sponsors. Co-sponsorship can be as simple as an endorsement and does not require any financial underwriting or additional expense. To date, so-sponsors include: Metamorphosis; New Women's Conference; TransSisters; Transsexual News Telegraph; Greater New York Gender Alliance; Transgender Rights!; AEGIS.

National Transsexual Health Conference
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc.
208 W. 13th Street, New York NY 10011
(212) 620-7310

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TRANS - COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

After discussion with representatives from various trans-communities, Project Affirmation staff and management have changed the way in which trans-communities are included in Project Affirmation. There is a need for those communities to have a voice. There is a need for them to have their own voice. To that end, a call for research submissions will go out shortly asking for people from the trans-communities to undertake that research. Individuals or groups from within the trans-communities are invited to submit proposals concerning research into health care and social service issues facing trans-communities' members in Ontario. While the details haven't been completely developed, the idea is clear. A separate data collection will underpin a section of the final report and that section will describe the special health care and social service issues facing trans-communities in Ontario.

QUESTIONNAIRE RELEASE
The questionnaire is in the final stages of development and will be ready for distribution soon. For anyone who wants to help get the questionnaire into all the right hands, please write and order as many forms as you need, enclosing an addressed business reply envelope. The questionnaire is the focus of our efforts this summer. Project consultant Melanie Randall led staff and management committee through rewrites and the final product is coming together. This questionnaire will be the largest survey of gay, lesbian and bisexual people ever conducted in Ontario. Setting out questionnaires at your social event, local service agencies or, among your friends will make sure that the people you know will be included.

NEW MEMBERS
As Project Affirmation moves ahead, a broader-based management team becomes more important. It has always been an advantage to have a management group close at hand. It makes meeting attendance and much of the committee work easier. Nevertheless, this is not a project about Toronto, it is about Ontario. In order to ensure that a non-Toronto perspective exists, it is critical to include non-Toronto membership. To that end, Jason Amel from Sudbury and Richard D'Arcy from St. Thomas, Ontario have joined the management committee of Project Affirmation. Their regular attendance at meetings is not possible, but the means are there to ensure that they are informed and have access to the project.

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Phone: (416) 593 9229 from area code (416); (800) 663 5530 anywhere in Ontario; FAX (416) 593 6697.

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RECENT FORUMS IN CANADA

On Tuesday, August 2, 1994, Project Affirmation hosted a forum in Toronto at the 519 Community Centre. Participants included members of Toronto's trans-communities, 2-Spirited Peoples of the First Nations group, and gay and lesbian community members. Topics included how Project Affirmation could serve the trans-communities.

No other forums are planned in the near future, but it is clear that a follow-up to the Toronto forum is necessary. While the first one was a general forum open to all, a second forum with a special concentration on gay, lesbian, and bisexual groups in the city is under consideration. Focus groups highlighting youth, people of colour, people with disabilities, and seniors can be developed to ensure these communities are represented.

Although these focus groups will be centred around Toronto because of the access to greater numbers of participants, we want to hear from anyone interested in making points around a special interest topic.

Formerly, Project Affirmation shared a TDD line with PUSH Ontario. PUSH ceased operation in the summer and the TDD service ended. Although Project Affirmation will not maintain a direct TDD line, we can call back on TDD if we get a message to do so. If you or anyone you know is better served by TDD we can be reached. Project Affirmation staff member Bob Tremble may be contacted through Compuserve. For Compuserve members the address is 70534,515. For E-mail subscribers, send to 70534.515 @compuserve.com. We hope that through fax services, the E-mail address and a quick response to individual requests for TDD access, we will serve relevant communities.

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PRESS FOR CHANGE Lobbying to Change English Laws

At a recent meeting, Dr.Jones summarised that the issue that was emerging was whether it would be sufficient to amend existing legislation to provide legal protection for people born with Gender Identity Disorder or whether entirely new legislation was required. The meeting discussed possible legal routes ahead and agreed to carry out further investigations.

Press for Change is affiliated to the National Council for Civil Liberties and fights for changes in the law on behalf of all transexuals. we are a small group of volunteers and badly need YOUR help. YOU can help by:

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3. Sending a donation to our general funds will help us to produce campaign packs, send out press releases like this one, and organise meetings. Every penny will be spent on fighting for your legal rights.

Our address is:

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ENGLAND

CAROUSEL AVIATION Providing Listings for Groups on BBS

Linda Lee, crossdresser, member of a number of Bay Area Gender groups, acting President for the **North State Gender Association** and proud owner of **Carousel Aviation** in Red Bluff, California, has opened Carousel Aviation, a boutique, catalog and computer bulletin board service with on-line shopping for the transgendered community. Part of her charter when forming the company was to continue to assist those organizations, groups and individuals that provided her initial support information and guidance when she first cane out.

Many request information on organizations or resources that may be available to them. These requests are nationwide and to date they have responded to at least one in fifty of our states. Of course many are deeply closeted, fearful and delighted to know there are even organizations or professionals that exist out there. They are also fearful of receiving personal mail, and many that I'm in touch with use the BBS systems as a safe way to shop and communicate. With the on-line shopping system (Carousel Corners) operational, there is an opportunity to support those requests in a safe format.

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CROWN to Publish *THE APARTHEID OF SEX: A Manifesto on the Freedom of Gender* by Martine Rothblatt

NEW YORK, June 16, 1994- Crown Publishers, Inc., has acquired world rights to publish the revolutionary treatise *THE APARTHEID OF SEX: A Manifesto on the Freedom of Gender,* by **Martine Rothblatt**, in February 1995. The announcement was made today by **Betty A. Prashker**, Executive Vice President and Editor-in-Chief of Crown.

THE APARTHEID OF SEX argues that although the division of humanity into two sexes is the most longstanding and rigidly enforced of all social stereotypes. Scientific evidence and legal awareness are mounting that our sexual identities are as unique as our personalities. "There is no hard and fast biochemical line that separates men from women, no socially meaningful charact-eristic that separates humanity into two absolute groups, men and women," says Rothblatt. "When what is 'female' ranges from Martina Navritolova to Miss Universe, 'male' from Prince to Arnold Schwarz-enegger, the classification becomes meaningless."

Rothblatt, a highly-successful attorney and entrepreneur in the satellite communications industry, is a transsexual herself. "I have lived on both sides of the gender dichotomy, and can attest to the prescriptive roles and behaviors that categorization channels you into," says Rothblatt. "The practice of labeling people at birth is as unfair as South Africa's practice of racial apartheid."

"Crown has published many serious nonfiction works that ignite controversy and spur discussion," says Prashker. "*THE APARTHEID OF SEX*, which calls for no less than a reinvention of sexuality and a continuum of sex types, should create a passionate response and heated debate."

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NEW ZEALAND TS RULING

Men and women who have had sex reassignment surgery or medical sex changes may marry as if they had been born in their current sex. Justice Ellis ruled in Wellington, New Zealand that there is no lawful impediment to a man who had surgically or medically become a woman marrying a man, or a woman surgically or medically changed to a man marrying a woman.

"Once a transsexual has undergone surgery, he or she is no longer able to operate in his or her original sex. There is no social advantage in the law not recognizing the validity of the marriage of a transsexual in the sex of reassignment. It would merely confirm the factual reality," he said.

If the law insisted genetic sex was the pre-determinant for a valid marriage, then a male who dressed as a female could contract a valid marriage with a woman, and a female who dressed as a man could contract a valid marriage with a man. Justice Ellis said that to all outward appearances these would be same-sex marriages.

His judgment followed an application from the Registrar of Marriages for a declaration as to whether two persons of the same sex can be married where one of them has had their sex changed by way of hormones, surgery or both.

Justice Ellis said some people had a compelling desire to be recognized and to behave as people of the opposite sex. "If society allows such persons to undergo therapy and surgery in order to fulfil that desire, then it ought also to allow such persons to function as fully as possible in their reassigned sex and this must include the capacity to marry."

He saw no socially adverse effects from allowing transsexuals to marry in their adopted sex. "I cannot see any harm to others, children in particular, that is not properly proscribed and manageable in accordance with the existing framework of the law."

It was important to realize such people did, in fact marry. Some of the leading cases were brought about when the marriage partners separated and one of them sought to have the marriage declared void. Neither the ability to have children nor the ability to have sex was an essential part of marriage.

"In my view, the law of New Zealand has changed to recognize a shift away from sexual activity and more emphasis being placed on psychological and social aspects of sex, sometimes referred to as gender issues," the judge said.

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21-26: 7th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042,
San Antonio TX 78270 USA (210) 980-7788

23-26: International Congress on Cross Dressing, Gender, and Sex, Van Nuys, California USA
Vern L. Bullough, PhD, RN, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 17434 Mayall Street, Northridge CA 91325 USA

MARCH, 1995

13-19: Coming Together Convention, Atlanta, Georgia USA
IFGE, P O Box 367,
Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA

31-April 2: Full Circle of Women (for people identifying as women), Essex, Massachusetts USA
Janis Walworth, P O Box 52,
Ashby MA 01431 USA (508) 386-7737

APRIL, 1995

20-23: 3rd Annual Moonlight in Manhattan, New York, New York USA
Moonlight in Manhattan, c/o Lynda Frank, 330 West 45th Street #3H, New York NY 10036 USA (212) 765-3561

20-23: California Dreamin' '95, Burbank, California USA
California Dreamin', P O Box 1088,
Yorba Linda CA 92686 USA (714) 779-9013

MAY, 1995

17-21: Esprit, Port Angeles, Oregon USA
Esprit, P O Box 873,
Kirkland WA 98083-0873 USA

18-21: Paradise in the Pocanos,Canadensis,Pennsylvania USA
Creative Desirn Services, P O Box 61263,
King of Prussia PA 19406 USA (610) 640-9449

30-June 5: Spring Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283,
Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (617) 891-9325

JUNE, 1995

7-11: 13th Annual Be All, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Be All Weekend, c/o Cross-Port, P O Box 54657,
Cincinnati OH 45254-0657 USA

14-18: 4th Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, TRANSGEN'95, Houston, Texas USA
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza,
Houston TX 77035-5515 USA

JULY, 1995

27-30: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) (for partners of gender gifted males), Memphis, Tennessee USA
Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031,
Little Rock AR 72221 USA (501) 227-8798

AUGUST, 1995

SEPTEMBER, 1995

14-17: Paradise in the Pocanos,Canadensis,Pennsylvania USA
Creative Desirn Services, P O Box 61263,
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27-October 1: Southern Comfort, Atlanta, Georgia USA
Southern Comfort, P O Box 77591
Atlanta, Georgia 30357 USA

OCTOBER, 1995

5-9: Fall Fling, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283,
Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (617) 891-9325

26-29: Fall Harvest, St. Louis, Missouri USA
St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433,
St. Louis MO 63117 USA (314) 358-0410

NOVEMBER, 1995

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DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

(Updated February 1995)

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Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035
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TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:**
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☙ *The Myriad Network News.*

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FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY:**
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Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. ☙ *Adam's Word*

TV - **WAYLAND HOUSE:** P O Box 3128, Shawseen MA 01810-0804.
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TS - **GETTING REAL**: P O Box 194, West Newton MA 02165
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TV/TS/SO - **AXA:** P O Box 380547, Cambridge MA 02238
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TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE**: TGA, P O Box 38-1005,
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Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples. ☎ 207-621-0858. ⇨ *Journal of Gender Studies*, information packets, publications, annotated catalogue

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, P O Box 163, Farmington CT 06034
Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month.Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Membership/recommendation required. ⇨ *The Outreach News* ☎ (203) 657-4344

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**: P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA
Open to British-born Male to Female crossgendered people who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British-born TGs for friendship and support. Wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. Keeps in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**: Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387
XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. Meets second and fourth Saturday from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. Occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.
⇨ *XX*, published bi-monthly

TS/SO - **IMAGES**: P O Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666
Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings the first Thursday of each month 7:00 to 10:00 pm in Worcester, MA. Individual counseling, 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place. ☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX

CD/TV/TS/TG/SO - **P I GROUP**:
P O Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245
Supportive, safe get-togethers. Send SASE for info. Available through networked BBSs.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE,
68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040
Clinton R. Jones, Director
Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care. ☎ (203) 646-8651

W. RILEY SNOW, MD.
1001 Farmington Ave., Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010
General psychiatry and individual psychotherapy. Board certified. Knowledgeable about gender issues. ☎ (203) 582-1178

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

▲ **-CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001
Tri-Ess Chapter.

TV/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH OCEAN GROUP:** P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701
Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach. ⇨ *Monmouth-Ocean News*

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701
Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers not be complaint sessions-positive ,uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960
Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required. ☎ (201) 663-0772

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:**
P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330
Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee , NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm. ☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650
Meets the fourth Saturday of each month. ☎ (609) 586-1351

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELF HELP:** c/o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755
Phone networking—self-help for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others. Phone contact, or by mail.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CDI/NYGA**:
c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001
S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, ☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS/TG - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR)**:
Address invalid.
Broadscope human rights advocacy organization run by and for transgendered people. Open meetings every other Wednesday at Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 West 13th Street in Manhattan. ⇨ *Rights News*. ☎ (212) 979-8547

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK & LONG ISLAND**: Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011
A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, positive and valued element of society. Social activities for non-Gay and Gay charities. Meetings first Friday of the month, 8:15pm, Gay Community Services Center, West 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Since 1969,"If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals."
☎ (212) 580-9858 (NYC), (516) 889-1980(Ll). ⇨ *Imperially Yours*

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**: 561 Hudson Street, P O Box45, New York NY 10014
Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries. ☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332. (718) 461-9050 ⇨ *City Lights*

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**
A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.
☎ Answering service (212) 969-0888.

FTM - **THE F2M FRATERNITY:** P O Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021
An information network and support group run by and for female-to-males. Meetings in private apartments in New York City about every six weeks. We welcome F-M TSs,

anyone who is experiencing gender dysphoria or considers themselves a possible candidate for F-M reassignment. ☎ (908) 298-8797 Marty Kincaid or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163
For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times. ☎ (212) 388-7022

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475
Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Interested in attracting wives/girl friends. Over 75 paid members. Existed over five years. ☎ (201) 663-0772

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007
Open social support group , meetings. ☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202 ⇨ *Lipstick and Lace*

▲ - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION**: LIFE, P O Box 3015, Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417
Founded 1985. Support and social group for heterosexual CDs, families, friends, SOs. Three meetings monthly. Partners'group. ⇨ *1 Lifelines,* newsletter ☎ (516) 283-1333

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, P O Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604
Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all. ☎ (518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back). ⇨ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** Address invalid.
Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order , speakers and referral.

TV/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226
Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. ☎ (315) 475-7013 office hours (315) 475-5611 messages

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820
Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending. ☎ (607) 547-4118 ⇨ *Cornbury's Closet*

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS EXPRESSIONS:** Daniel Stephens,c/o Cross Expressions, P O Box 931, Vestal NY 13851
Peer support group for heterosexual male crossdressers, their families and significant others. Weekly meetings and regular social events. Membership information confidential, identification required. Monthly membership fee. ☎ (607) 862-3203

TS - **BUFFALO TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220
TS support group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month, 4-6pm. Formerly Crossroads of Buffalo. No dues to participate. Interview required for security.
☎ (716) 629-5421 (leave number, caller will say they received a message on service).

▲ - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** 7954 Transit Road Box 197, Williamsville NY 14221-4100
Monthly meetings held in a secure location. Changing rooms available. Meetings usually the first Saturday of the month. Ten-page newsletter. Security of members is paramount.

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** P O Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692
Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state. ☎ (716) 251-2132 ⇨ *CD News*

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011
Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professional referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services. M-t-F support group Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm; M-t-F and F-t-M Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm; Couples Support Group and Lovers and Friends Support Group alternate Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm until June. Call for dates. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised. ☎ (212) 620-7310

METAMORPHOSIS
P O Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260
Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm. ☎ (718) 728-4615

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT**: P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member. ☎ (412) 231-1181

TV/TS - **OASIS**: P O Box 622, Meadville PA 16335
Open membership policy. Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Apply in writing. ⇨ *Oasis Dreams,* monthly.

TV/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS**: 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261,Erie PA 16505
Newsletter for full and associate members. Full members only at meetings. Meetings on fourth Saturdays, even numbered months in accepting public establishments, odd numbered months in secure space. Membership is open. Discretion and confidentiality are demanded. Apply in writing. Screening interview required ⇨ *Mirror Images*

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE -LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER**: Renaissance - L S V, P O Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA. ☎ (717) 780-1578

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044 S. Kristine James, Director,KarenCioe,NYCCoordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**: Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020
Meets third Saturday of month in King of Prussia, PA. at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, socials/community activities. Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland ☎ (610) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP**: P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103
To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage. ☎ (215) 567-7879

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**: P O Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406
Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, TS Support Group, TV rap groups, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help understand transgender behavior.
☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs) ⇨ Monthly newsletter

PERSAD CENTER, INC.
5100 Penn Ave.,
Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616
Randal G. Forrester,
James Huggins.

Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others. Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment therapy. ☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER**: P O Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808

Meets second Saturday of month at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS/TG/SO with programs, support groups, education. Contact for information. Open group. ⟲ Newsletter ☎ (302) 995-1396

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE**: c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724

Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December. ☎ (301) 277-5475

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON** : TG EA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215

(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.Meetings the first Saturday of month September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community. ☎ (301)949-3822⟲ *The Pinnacle*, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE**: c/o Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201

Open peer support group. Meets monthly at the GLCCB. Inquire.
☎ (410) 837-5445, or switchboard 7-10pm (410) 837-8888

TS - **THE BRIDGE CLUB**: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337

Transition support, interview required. Confidential membership list. Meets monthly. Inquire. ⟲Newsletter.

TV/TG/TS - **TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB**: c/o Diane Terrant, P O Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002

Open peer support group in western Maryland. Meets monthly with occasional guest speakers. Will try to help with referrals to helping professionals and business open to your patronage.
☎(301) 453-3538

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn,BD,MSW,LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue,
Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.:
H. Martin Malin, PhD,
2114 N. Charles Street,Ste 3, Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE** : MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215

Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri.of each month.
☎ (301) 949-3822

TV - **BLACK ROSE**: P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210

Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards. ☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET**:
P O Box 7386, Richmond VA 23221-0386

Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 222-6796

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW,
225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons. ☎ (703) 532-8723

ELLEN R. WARREN, LCSW: 1500 King Street, Ste 302,
Alexandria VA 22314
Affirmative counseling and support for transition and family/relationship issues. Experienced therapist working from a humanistic, supportive point of view. Help with all concerns: transition, personal, family, career. Individual, couple and family counseling. ☎ (703) 683-0710

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah Gilbert,
Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. Gender transition program meets Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Thorough screening by staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV**: P O Box2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322

Non-sexual. Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month. Well established group for friendship, fun, makeup tips and more. Screening interview required. Security respected.
⟲ Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION**: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114 c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427

Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP**: GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145

To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk . Meet third Sat. of every month at a private apartment.☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS**: P O Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101

Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.Meets every third weekend, the year around in Charlotte. ⟲ *The Pink Slip*

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE**: Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100

Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club.No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to merchants, consultants, clubs. ☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail) ⟲ *All the Beautiful People!*

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519 See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P O Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814
The Carolinas oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Open discussions, programs, referrals.
☎ (704) 259-9428 *Gender Quest*

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:
940 Hutton Street, Winston-Salem NC 27101
Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their significant others. Also located in Durham. ☎ (910) 727-0008

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings. *The Southern Belle* ☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357
Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting. ☎ Helpline: (404) 875-9846. *Atlanta Gender Chronicle*

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.
TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are screened. ☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:
AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724
Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Helpline:(404) 939-0244. *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.
☎ (404) 939-2128 (404) 9390244 helpline FAX (404)939-1770

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**:
GING, Gail Driaper
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donation. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Interviewed as to their needs. ☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.:**
P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. Members are in counseling. ☎ (904) 332-6638 *Insight*

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required. Newsletter

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446 Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview. ☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale. ☎ (305) 436-9477 Newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**:
P O Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692
M-F and F-M TS support group. Meets second Saturday of month at MCC church in Ft. Lauderdale. No dues. Newsletter $20/year ☎ (305) 784-9316 Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242
Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Consultants in fashion / image available. A periodic newsletter

TS - **ENCHANTE**: c/o J.L. Hores, 1801 69th Ave.South, St. Petersburg FL 33712
☎ (813) 972-2617(Kerry TS), 866-0438(Joe)
Support group for TSs. Meets monthly on second Friday in a private home. Screening before attending first meeting. Call or write. Newsletter

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: No longer meeting.

TV/TG/TS/SO - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826
Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required. *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 527-1012

TS - **ECLIPSE**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826
Support group for transsexuals. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Screening before attending meeting. Call or write. *Butterflies* ☎ (813) 546-3089 (Felisha TS)

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Private, not-for-profit mental health center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

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Clinical psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couple therapy, evaluation for hormone therapy and surgery. Actively involved in TS and TV support groups. Also work with gay and lesbian issues. ☎(305) 345-2292

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.
Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.
☎ (305) 651-6442

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:
2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607 Aventura FL 33180
Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT
Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psycho-therapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group forTV/TS. Individual and group therapy. ☎ (305) 936-8000

GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER: 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428 ☎ (800) 328-2633

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: P O Box 273107, Tampa FL 3368-3107
Carl W. Bushong, PhD

A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition. All services by appointment.
☎ (813) 884-7835

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.: Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT,
3530 First Avenue North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg FL 33713

Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only. ☎(813) 327-1672

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA-SOUTH, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660 Contact: Lisa Jackson.

Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program. *The Continuum*

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802

Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. Mandatory orientation .

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.
☎ (205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS**: P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209

Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed. ☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail) Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061

Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire. *Ms. Cotton Belle*

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402

Group meets on 4h Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Open at 6:00pm, there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

TV/TS/TG - **MEMPHIS TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 11232, Memphis TN 38111-0232

Social support group providing education for general community. Meet on fourth of every month at 2:00 pm. Annual dues $12 and $5 meeting fee. Changing facilities at meetings.
Powder and Pearls

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD: Department of Psychiatry,
Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684

Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.
☎ (615) 926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**:
P O Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253 Lee Frances, Secretary
☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). *Premiere*

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458

Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening
☎ (812) 944-5570, Barbara (502) 458-8028, Patti (502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P O Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287

An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support.We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, Cross-Port. Include brief biography of yourself, tell where you heard about us. *The Crystal Chronicle* ☎(614) 224-1165

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053

Meetings second Saturday of the month. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer. *Alpha Omega Outreach*

CD - **PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129

Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Meeting the third Saturday of the month. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.
Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. Meets the third Thursday of the month. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule. ☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.
monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201

Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues. ☎ (614) 299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgmental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. Meetings the second Tuesday and the last Saturday of the month. IXE has a BBS. ☎ (317) 781-0834 (Indianapolis) Danielle, (812) 876-5635 (Bloomington) Gloria , (812) 398-6235 (Shelbyville) Holly monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nation-wide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people.
☎ messages: (313) 537-3267 *Crossroads Chatter*

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP**: N.G.D.O, P O Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202
Justina Williams, President

Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are *separated* as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.
☎ (313) 842-5258 *NGDO Key to Freedom*

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):** c/o Tri-Ess, P O Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary)
See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**: P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501
Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY**: c/o Tricia Marie Benton, P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770
Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting. Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L.Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103
Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned. ☎ (313) 663-7871

LEE PADULA, PhD: 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154
Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families in the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments. ☎ (313) 953-3333

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY**: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406
Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs. Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802
Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm. ☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. *The Transformer*

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: P O Box 12164, Des Moines IA 50312 Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW
Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals. ☎ (515) 277-7754

PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION: Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, P O Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241
Legal, psychological and financial counseling for CD/TV/TS and androgynous persons. Referrals. Sliding scale. Travel frequently to Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, USVI. ☎ (319) 354-3189 FAX (319) 337-2045

WISCONSIN (530-548)

TV/TS/TG/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** P O Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214
An open support group for all sexual orientations for transgendered persons, significant others, friends and family. Monthly meetings on second Saturday. ☎ (414) 297-9328 (voicemail) Newsletter

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304
A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards. Contact Gretchen Fincke, or Roger Northway. ☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211 Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW
Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services. ☎ (414) 332 5407

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918
Therapy program for M-F TG/TV/CD provided by licensed psychologist meets the second Sunday afternoon each month. Individual and group support services for family and friends. Individual therapy for F-Ms. Comprehensive screening, appropriate referrals. Use HBIGDA Standards of Care. ☎ (414) 271-3322

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION**: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117
An open service and peer support group for transgendered persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listing for members. Interview required. Newsletter bimonthly ☎ (612) 220-9027 (voicemail)

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** P O Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432
Meetings, referrals. ☎ (612) 220-1920 Newsletter

▲ **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS**: Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408
See Society for Second Self,Tulare CA.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY**: CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414
Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered. Interview before coming to the first party. ☎ (612) 229-3613

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER:
GEC, P O Box 186, Minneapolis, MN 55311
Debbie Davis, Director
An educational outreach and support service with resource information, presentations, workshops, education, training and consulting on transgender and women's issues. We provide the opportunity to learn about the transgendered community, gender issues and the new Minnesota Human Rights Ammendment. Consulting, diversity training, speakers's bureau. ☎ (612) 425-5445, FAX (612) 425-8595

DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408
Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM:
c/o Program in Human Sexuality,
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180 Minneapolis, MN 55454
A professionally managed gender program based on the HBIGDA's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals, psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care. ☎ (612) 625 1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice
and Community Health, U. of Minnesota Medical School,
1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454

In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS. ☎ (612) 625-1500, FAX (612) 626-8311

ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲- **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: P O Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040
Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.
☎ (708) 364-9514 ⟲ Newsletter

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647
Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder
Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.
☎ (312) 486-3125 (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657
Social and educational support group. Meets on the second Tuesday and socials on fourth Tuesday and fourth Saturday each month. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding.
☎ (708) 863-7714 ⟲ *The Primrose*

TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION**: CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571
Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers provided to the general public on some subjects. Meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required. ☎ (309) 444-9918, JoAnn ⟲ Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD:
2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psychiatric consultations. ☎ (708) 432-7007

RANDI ETTNER, PhD:
1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201
Clinical psychologist specializing in gender dysphoria, and professionally associated with Eugene Schrang, MD in Wisconsin. Preoperative evaluation, pre- and postoperative counseling for transition and beyond. ☎ (708) 328-3433

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
MAGGIE affiliate. Oppen support group. Meets monthly on the third Saturday in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs' group meets for professionals and significant others. ☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897. Please leave contact information.
⟲ *Gateway Femmes Gazette*

TS/SO -**TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON**: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6
Education, advocacy, and legal support. ⟲ Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS -**MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117
Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Box 45124, Kansas City MO 64111
Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Joan Cunningham, ☎ (816) 241-1411

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO -**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204
MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program. ⟲ Newsletter ☎ (913) 791-3847

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067
MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit . ⟲ Newsletter

CD RESEARCH CENTER. Rebecca Gail Croslove,
418 Linn Street, Leavenworth KS 66048-3437

NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680
MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required . ⟲ *The Transformer*

LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300
Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans. ⟲ *The Flip Side*

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221
Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection.* An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror.* ⟲ *Sweetheart Connection*

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221
Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families. ☎ (501) 227-8798, (501) 523-2466

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.
☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123
Social/support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their SOs, and families.

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104
For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER aka METROPLEX CD CLUB**:
P O Box 141924, Irving TX 75014
Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Help Me, Accept Me discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. ☎ (214) 264-7103 *The Texas Rose*

TV/TS - **AGAPE**: 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075
Support for female-to-male and male-to-female TVs and TSs. Call for more information. ☎ (214) 424-1234

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:**
ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001
National FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Offers F2M educational material. Local bi-monthly meetings, international FTM network. *En*Gender*

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHER SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001
Support and information for partners, families and friends of Female-to-Male transgendered or transsexual persons. Group works through a quarterly column in several F2M newsletters. Call or write to share with someone who has been down the same path. ☎ (214) 641-4842 Rebecca

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058
Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming. ☎ (713) 333-2278

TV/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**: GCTC, P O Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Social organization. Meetings second Saturday each month. Group discussion, noon on first Tuesday and evening on third Thursday. Co-sponsors International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Interview for new members.
☎ (713) 780-GCTC, (713) 780-4282 voice *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401 Taylor Montgomery
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending .
Newsletter ☎(713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - **TAU CHI CHAPTER -TRI ESS**: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Wives and Partners Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month. Boys R Us meets monthly (meet male self) Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA) meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members. ☎ (713) 988-8064 voice. *Femme Forum*

SO - **WATS**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
A support group for women involved with transgendered men. Names are confidential. ☎ (210) 980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. *Partners*

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.
☎ (210) 980-7788 *Gender Euphoria*

T S - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212
Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required. Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership/voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*- Camus. Monthly meeting, Austin area. Personal interview. ☎ (512) 515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm

▲ - **ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.
☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: c/o Tami Maloney, P O Box 6726, Abilene TX 79608
Group meets the second Saturday of each month in Abilene, Texas. Personal interview.

THE CENTER FOR CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT: 7525 John T. White Road, Fort Worth TX 76120, Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy.
Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA. ☎ (817) 429-4706

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-'70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention. ☎ (409) 763-0016

COLORADO (800-816)

SO -**TEENAGE KIDS OF Ts**: TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017
Support group for children of T-persons.

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX PROJECT**: 1740 South Buckley Road, #6-178, Aurora CO 80017
Transition support services. Speakers' Bureau.

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**: GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message. ☎ (303) 202-6466

▲ - **DELTA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS (Denver)**: P O Box 16208, Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network, directory of commercial services and correspondence. Screening interview before attending . *Femme Mirror*
☎ (303) 595-5TRI

INSTITUTE FOR GENDER STUDY AND TREATMENT.
Tomye Kelley, MA, P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum. ☎ (303) 420-9885

DEB-ANN THOMPSON, PhD, NCACII, CACIII: 2755 S. Locust Street, Suite #207, Denver CO 80222
Psychotherapist.
☎ (303) 758-6634

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday. ☎ (307) 473-2429

UTAH (840-847)

TG - **REFLECTION HOUSE**: P O Box 628, Pleasant Grove UT 84062
Hosts local self-help educational seminars and support groups for transgendered people. Admission by application/invitation only. ☎ & FAX (801) 224-4737

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Rho, P O Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242
Support group for heterosexual Male-to-Female crossdressers and their families. ☎ (901) 553-8141

TENDERLY SUPPORTIVE GENDER SUPPORT NETWORK: Address invalid.
Group is no longer running. All correspondence should be through Robin Dexter at Reflection House, listed above.

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
All are welcome: M-F, F-M. Offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your orientation or practices. *A Rose News*

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER**: P OBox 1738, Tempe AZ 85280
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required. *The Cactus Flower*

TV/TS/Gay CD - **SORORITY:**
Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire. ☎(602) 293-3456

TV/TS - **THE RAINBOW PEOPLE**: P O B 36142, Tucson AZ 85740-6142
An open group for TS/TV, drag queens, feminine males, masculine females and all transgendered and intersexed people.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.
☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILA FRIEDEMAN,PhD:
3930 East Camelback Rd, # 205,Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess**: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members. *Fiesta!*

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO -**JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TG/TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP**:
For both F-M and M-F. Meetings the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Community Counseling Center, 1120 Almond Tree Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 6:00 pm. Will consider hormones, doctors, surgery, name changes, passing problems, relationships, careers and job problems, and educational issues. Non-threatening environment for spouses, significant others, and family members. For more information leave a message for Marty. ☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING:
Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions. ☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TG/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT**: 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90016
Discussion and rap groups conducted by the Project's TS/TG program for TG/TS persons and their SOs. HIV/AIDS information, hormone treatment, support groups and more. ☎(213) 936-9338

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave, #584, Hollywood CA 90028 Amanda Silvestri, Dir.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical/psychological help, speakers, & newsletter. ☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia. Kym Richards, Pres., Virginia Prince Founder.
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. ☎ (213) 876-6141 *Alpha Bits*

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE**: c/o Grace Bredow, P O Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046
For individuals and loved ones related to gender issues. Meetings every Monday night 8-10pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1625 Hudson Street, Room #109, Los Angeles.

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA. Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. 9:00am - 9:00pm PT. ☎ (213) 467-8317, Shiela or Shirley

TG/SO - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS**: P O Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714-0816
Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, outings and seminars. Listings of books,tapes and organizations. ☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the 2nd Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the 4th Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary in Studio City. *TV Epic*

TV/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009
For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local S. California organization. Offer support and friendship, stress security, good manners. Meetings, parties, dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor public educational programs . Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month for members and approved guests.
☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142. *CHIC Clippings*

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**
P O Box 224, Montrose CA 91021
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:**:
PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720
Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required. *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT**: 401 South Main Street, Suite 104, Pomona CA 91765
All M-F, F-M transgenderists, their significant others, friends, and anyone else interested are welcome to attend a support group meeting held at the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay & Lesbian Center every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free, but a donation is requested. ☎ (909) 620-8987

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112
A self-help group to help its members live normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, membership consulting, wives' and families' input.
☎ (619) 685-3696 *Reflections*

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**:
c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852
A support/social group for transsexuals in transition. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, hope. No dues or fees required.

LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS
Monthly support group for family, friends of transsexuals and interested medical professionals facilitated by Jeanee Ebner, a mother of a post-op TS. Meets the second Thursday of each month. Specifically for TSs and their affiliates.
☎(714) 786-6891

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713
Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write. ☎ (714) 262-9105

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA)**: P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686 Contact Joan Goodnight
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686
Open social and support group. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal.Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required. ☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message. *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual , complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.
☎ (209) 688-9246 *Femme Mirror*

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675 Wm. G. Heard, PhD,Director.
Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Permits the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, follow-up. ☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow,PhD, 10350Santa Monica Blvd. Ste 310 Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing. ☎ (310) 576-5455

LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste 100, Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD:
343 3rd Street, Laguna Beach CA 92651
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.
☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:
Free, confidential referrals to over 3000 agencies. Also available in Spanish and TDD. ☎ (714) 851-2883

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**:
584 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy. ☎ (415) 863-6717

FTM - **FPSG**: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social, educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals. ☎ (510) 549-2665 hotline; (413) 334-3439 vice-,ail. If no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112 *The Channel*

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TSs. Meetings . Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS**: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885

Informal, social support group. Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. ☎ (510) 937-8432 answered live weekday evenings 7-9 pm Pacific Time. ⟲ *Devil Woman*

TV/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**: 1250 Pine Street, Walnut Creek CA 94596

Peer support/discussion groups for TG persons. Satelllite office. ☎ (510) 939-7711

TS/SO - **SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES (SISTI)**: P O B 30844, Oakland CA 94604-0844

Social support and empowerment gathering for Transgendered individuals. Issues addressed include HIV/AIDS care, risk reduction, outreach, family and mental health issues. Counseling is also provided. ☎ (510) 601-7975 Sharon Grayson (510) 601-9066 AMASSI

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618

Monthly support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM newsletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.), Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire. ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**: 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley CA 94705

Peer support/discussion groups for transgendered persons. This is the main office. ☎ (510) 548-8283

TV/TS/TG - **SWAN'S INNER SOCIETY**: P O Box 1423, San Jose CA 95109

Worldwide sisterhood founded in 1987 for transgendered individuals seeking to explore and develop their feminine experience. Many activities are done by mail. Access and referrals to other groups, helping prodessionals. *I Swan's Bauble* monthly ☎ (408) 297-1423 FAX (408) 993-8173

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**: c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541

For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170

Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Meetings first and third Fridays of each month. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept, make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome. ⟲ Newsletter ☎ (408) 984-4044 warmline

TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456

SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups . ☎ (916) 482-7742 ⟲ Newsletter

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.See, Society for the Second Self,Tulare CA.

WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD: 1801 Bush Street, Suite 111, San Francisco CA 94109

Psychotherapist and board certified sex therapist specializing in work with adults living alternative sex and gender lifestyles. Gender identity concerns and transitions, SM/DS/BD, infantilism, sexual orientation including attention to dissociative states, depression , anxiety, shame, guilt. Individuals, significant others, couples. ☎ (415) 923-1150

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142 Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.

A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training.

☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102

We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the Tenderloin/'South of Market' communities of San Francisco.

☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, PhD: 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610

Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale. ☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, P O Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476.

Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Established the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

☎ (707) 938-2871

ANNE VITALE, PhD: D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901

Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306;

Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions. Confidential. ☎ (415) 494-2952.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: P O Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530

Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information. ☎ (808) 923-4270 ⟲ Newsletter

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224

Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs. ☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE**: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208

A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible. ☎ (503) 646-2802 ⟲ Newsletter

TV/TG/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT**: P O Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913
Peer support group for all transgendered individuals, their families and friends. One general meeting a month and several suppport meetings. Call for times and locations. Yearly dues $36 and $6 for partner. Screening interview required for new members. *TRANS-PORT* (503) 774-7463

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER**: P O Box 3312, Salem OR 97302
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS**: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR. (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST). *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network**: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604 Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS /SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS**: TLF, Seattle WA
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free. (206) 292-1037

TV/TS/SO - **EMERALD CITY**: P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
Frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of a variety of gender expressions. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Partners welcome at meetings and eligible for membership. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored. (206) 284-1071 Newsletter

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:
1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122
Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual/group counseling, consultation to service providers, referrals, research, public information. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request. (206) 329-6651

ALASKA(995-999)

CD/TS - **THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381 Nora Jean York, Co-founder
A social organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group. *The Berdache Voice*

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349
Strictly social, not political in any way. Social activities for the whole family: fishing parties, outings, whatever. The purpose is for those of us who have our family's love and support to be able to do things with them.

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.**: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2
French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal. (418) 529-1152

TS/SO - **FACT - QUEBEC**:, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6
Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Speakers on transsexualism to media, etc.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Mon-treal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6
Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director,
Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. All incoming mail is screened to ensure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered. newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8
Social support group. Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter. (514) 528-8874 *Garter Press*

TS/TV - **FACTT - OTTAWA**: Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4
Support group for transsexuals and transvestites. Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a call time.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.
Annual membership fee. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details. *Trans News*

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8
Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one . (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC**: P O Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4
Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year. (819) 770-1945
Notes from the Underground

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto,Ontario,CANADA M5T 1R8
Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking. (416) 979-2221, ext. 2339

TV/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process. ☎ (416) 921-6112 (24 hours) *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization. Private/public functions,correspondence, peer linking service. Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide*. Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend the first weekend in October. Membership interview. Newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB**: Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0 CANADA

Open, support, social and educational club with accent on fun and education. General meetings the first Thursday of the month, socialization meetings following Thursdays in Winnipeg. Write to get meeting date with an interviewer for required screening process. Also runs Gender Help Line in evenings. ☎(204) 257-2759

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Social support group meetings the second Saturday and last Thursday of the month(7:30pm). Door fee for cost plus a little contribution to charity. Yearly membership $30 includes subscription to newsletter and membership card. New members must be screened. Must be member or invited guest to attend meetings. Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood P O , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. *Illusions*

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meet 7 - 11:00 pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. ☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. CANADA V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational / informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization. ☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1

Monthly social meetings except June, July and August, for heterosexual crossdressers. Changing facilities. Discreeet screening process. Wives and girlfriends welcome. Wig expert, cosmetician, shoe store, larger sizes clothing store, deportment expert.

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z-1M9
Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must he residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery. ☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2,
Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. MEXICO

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.
☎ & FAX 673-53-12

ARGENTINA

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires ARGENTINA

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdressers throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Provide a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service , network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member. ☎ 071-756-1782 *The Beaumont Bulletin*

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured. Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists tne gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - **THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured. ☎ 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursday (transsexuals) 7-10pm Tuesday (transvestites)

FTM - **FTM**: BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, free, but donations requested. Annual meetings held in UK, and local friendship groups throughout the world. *Boy's Own*

TS - **THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT):** BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. Handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members. ☎ 0323 641100 *dyscourse*

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND

This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events. ☎071 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: PO B 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT
Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure. ☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm. ⇨ *Reflections*

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary
See Beaumont Society. Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm. ☎ 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB
An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but contributions welcome. Security applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, P O Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND
A social and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available. ⇨ *Cross Talk*

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND
International membership social and support group for all crossdressers and their partners. Members receive *Repartee* plus Rose's interim newsletters which include members'directory. Meetings on 2nd Fridays monthly in Sheffield, and at other times with local groups elsewhere. Full confidentiality assured. ☎ 0114 261 9444 ⇨ *Repartee*

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND
Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester. ⇨ *The Tartan Skirt* ☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX**: c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.
Provide help and support to all. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on2nd Wednesday of each month. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are aware of need for security.

CD/SO - **TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND
Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please send SAE. ☎ 031-555 6416

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P O Box 210, Belfast BT11BGN, IRELAND
Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France. See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings.

CEMTOR(Sexologie et Developpement Hedonique):
6 rue de la Bascule, 45100 Orleans, FRANCE.
Advice, information, referrals, hypnosis, sexology and gender identity.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, SWITZERLAND
Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS
Social support group. Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries. ☎ 010-4503469 ⇨ Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen, NETHERLANDS
Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum,NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally. ⇨Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB),NETHERLANDS
Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS
Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, NETHERLANDS ⇨ *Transformatie*

TS CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: P O Box71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, NETHERLANDS TS support group.Friends /relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: Rode Kruislaan 61,5628 GB Eindhoven, NETHERLANDS
Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren,
Internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology,
Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057,
1007 MB Amsterdam, the NETHERLANDS
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up. ☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS:
Ms.P.Klene,P O Box 71,1000 AB Amsterdam,NETHERLANDS
Helps TSs. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitaet, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY
Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire. ☎ 069 8001008

TSH ESSEN: Claudia Peppenhorst,Caesar Strasse 34, 45130 Essen GERMANY
☎ 0201 - 78 69 99

TS GRUPPE HAMBURG: Christin-Susan Black, Nueblerkamp 13a, 22175 Hamburg, GERMANY ☎ 040-754 43 23

TSH MUENSTER: Claudia Scholz, Budden Strasse 22, 48143 Muenster, GERMANY ☎ 0251 43240

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Dr. Waltraud Schiffels, Schloss Strasse 6, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎0681-58 39 12

LEBENSBERATUNG FUER TRANSSEXUELLE MENSCHEN IM SAARLAND: Marc Elsholz, Am Hagen 13, 66117 Saarbruecken, GERMANY ☎ 0681-589 8449

TV - **TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE**: c/o MANNEGE, Friedrichstrasse 165 (Hausderdemokratie) 10117 Berlin, GERMANY
Counseling and support group for men who like to crossdress. Rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. ☎ 030 208 21 57

TS -**TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht -Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm. ☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Peter Reidel, Hirschbergstr. 14, 80634 Muenchen, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and an Xmas meeting. Write for more information. ☎ 089-134681 FAX 089-162324 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** P O Box 710232-D, 81452 Muenchen, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on first Friday of the month at 7h pm. Write for more information. ☎ 089-3113260 or 089-616808 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

TS - **CLUB NEUES LEBEN NOVA:** Miss Dr. Lisa Strauss, c/o Aidshilfe-Halle Magdeburger Str. 34-D, 06112 HALLE/Saale, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings every Wednesday at 7h pm. Write for information. ☎ 0345/36419 (18-19 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY
Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending. ☎/FAX (069) 4950446

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach/M.,GERMANY
Frankfurt, meetings every third Wednesday, 8:00pm, Selbsthilfe - Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland strasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main. Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la. Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main. Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm. Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY
An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN
See FPE. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview. ☞ *Feminform*

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN
Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.Private interview . ☞ *Feminform*

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND
National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki. ☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, DENMARK
See, Beaumont Society, in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY
A group representing TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.
This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from this community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, PAKISTAN
Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground. ☎ code 05921 6158 leave message, o r 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

TV/SO - **FPE LATVIA**: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, LATVIA LV 2015
Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Contact system for members. Information exchange. All letters answered. Languages: English and German.

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: M. Mankevich, Novo-Alekeeuskaya str. 7, Flat No 8, 129626 Moscow, RUSSIA. Also Mirninsky r-n. Gagarina str. 28 Flat #3, 678190 Aihal Yakutia RUSSIA
Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention. Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOPE.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel. ☎ 287-7096 in Moscow, 11-19 in Yakutia.

JAPAN

TS - ELIZABETH CLUB: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN
The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for TS, TG\ androgynes Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer Storage facilities. Consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing,rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. ☞ *Queen* ☎ 11.19.03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.
See previous Elizabeth Club listing.

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN
See Elizabeth Club listings.

TS - **FTM NIPPON**: Adachi-ku, Adachi-nishi-post office 123 Tokyo, JAPAN.
The first Japanese FTM TS support group. Networking through newsletter with other FTM TV/TG/TS all over Japan and in other countries. Newsletter is expensive, but free to foreigners. *FTM Nippon* ☎ .03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club)

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: P O Box 391, Rhodes, New South Wales 2112, AUSTRALIA
The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, NSW, Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TRANSGENDER LIBERATION COALITION: TLC, P O Box 208, Kings Cross, NSW, 2011 AUSTRALIA
A group of trannys working for the human rights of trannys. We try to negotiate changes with government departments, government policy, law, social attitudes. ☎ (02) 358-5664

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH TRANSGENDER SUPPORT PROJECT: SWOP, 391 Riley St. Surry Hills, P O Box 1453, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010 AUSTRALIA
Provides confidential service for trannys in sex work in NSW: Counseling, HIV/AIDS information, condoms and lube, needle exchange, working safely, legal and financial referrals, newsletter and printed resources. ☎ (02) 212-2600 FAX (02) 212-3978

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: See Seahorse of New South Wales.

THE GENDER CENTRE: Projects Manager, 75 Morgan Street, P O Box 266, Petersham, NSW 2049, AUSTRALIA
Welfare organisation for people with gender issues. Provides medical, psychological gender and HIV/AIDS counseling, support, referrals. Resource development service. Drug and alcohol service. Residential service to support those moving towards independent living. Meetings every Thursday night, alternating every other week between training and skills on a range of topics and something more lighthearted and social.
☎ (02)569-2366 FAX (02) 569-1176

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, P O Box 574, Annerly, Queensland 4103, AUSTRALIA
Details of activities not yet available.

AUSTRALIAN TRANSGENDERISTS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND, Inc.: ATSAQ, P O Box 212, New Farm, Queensland 4005 AUSTRALIA
Provides support, counsel, referrals, hotline. Information on Social Security, Medicare, Motor transport, discrimination, health rights, police service, etc. Monthly meetings, newsletter. All information is confidential. ☎ (07) 846-3787 hotline, (07) 236-2400, FAX (07) 236-2398.

SELF HEALTH FOR QUEENSLAND WORKERS IN THE SEX INDUSTRY: SQWISI, 65 Vulture Street, P O Box 689, West End, Queensland 4101 AUSTRALIA
Provides a confidential service for trannys working in the sex industry in Queensland. ☎ (07) 844-4565, FAX (07) 844-8840.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, AUSTRALIA
A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will. ☎ 369-2613 *Nu-Scene*

TV/TS/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, G P O Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA 3001
Non-profit organization to assist members of the gender community. SOs are members with full voting rights. Monthly meetings the second Saturday. Helping professionals as guests. Screening for new members. Confidential membership list. Visitors welcome, but must have prior have accreditation from their home group. Will trade newsletters with other groups. Well stocked library. *Seahorse Victoria*

F-M TV/TS/SO - **BOYS WILL BE BOYS**: Box 328, Northcote, Victoria, 3070, AUSTRALIA
Provides social and support groups monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Inc.**: P O Box 721, Marleston, South Australia, 5033, AUSTRALIA
Social support group. Various social events and functions in private homes and public venues. Must be interviewed by Board Member. Security is of utmost concern. 1 Bimonthly newsletter ☎ (08) 388-3644, Lana Allen; (08) 281-6190, Michelle.

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**: No longer in operation. All future correspondence can be done through the Chameleon Society of Western Australia, below.

TV/TS - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: Rosemary, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100, AUSTRALIA
Open support forTG and SOs 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month, 8:30-11:00.

TV/TS/TG - **GENDER COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: P O Box 573, GOSNELLS, Western Australia 6110, AUSTRALIA
Founded by four people believing that those affected by gender dysphoria have the right to contribute to the community by sharing in the general standard of living and quality of life in the nation. Purpose is to establish social and legal equity for people and to provide support services. The group lobbies for TS rights. ☎ (09) 490 3820

NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

TV/TS/SO - **NEW ZEALAND GENDER DYSPHORIA FOUNDATION**: NZGDF, P O Box 2827, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Irregularly scheduled meetings. Bi-monthly newsletter. Lending collection of books, videos, lingerie. Membership only to CD, TV, TS, SO. *La Femme*

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND (Miss Leone Neil)
Now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning.

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL OUTREACH PROJECT/TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION WELFARE AND HEALTH ORGANISATION**: TOPs/ TEWAHO, P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington NEW ZEALAND
TS advocacy and peer support group, HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, counselling. Free STD checks. Referrals. Require you send an introductory letter. *On TOPs*

SOUTH AFRICA

TV/TS - **THE PHOENIX SOCIETY HELPLINE**: Box 6433, Parow-East, 7500, SOUTH AFRICA
The Phoenix Society is a social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated

with them are welcome. Actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts. New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential. *Fanfare*

TV/TS/SO - **SATRU**:c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA

Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

WEST AFRICA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, P O Box 1006, OTA, OGUN State, NIGERIA - WEST AFRICA

Charity. Monthly meetings the first week of each month. All applicants are screened by the Board as stipulated by the organizaton.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CD FORUM: cd request@shell.portal. com

Electronic mailing list digest. Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees. Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone.News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

DIFFERENT REALITIES: (402) 345-8381 8N1. J

Just starting in Rochester, New York.

LUNATIC FRINGE BBS:Bayside, NY (718) 224-7977.

1200-14400 haud accepted. BBS for the gender community. 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Free access / No ratios. Donations accepted.

SATIN & LACE: Rochester, NY. SYSOP Kimmy K. (716) 334-5663 1200/2400/9600/14400 (8N1)

Variety of file and message areas. FREE! To obtain free, Full Access account, logon using the name HI THERE and the password TVTS. Select <Q> from the Main Menu and fill out the account creation questionnaire. Full Access account within 48 hours.

GENDERLINE: BBS (Compuserve Information Service). Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission of system operator of the Human Sexuality (HSX) forums. For Compuserve subscription information, call 800-848-8990. Within Compuserve, access the HSX Support Groups\Adult Forum by typing GO HSX200 at any prompt. In HSX Help Files (Library 16) read the file CLOSED.TEXT — Closed Section

Agreement for instructions on joining GenderLine and the other restricted-access sections. Discreet support community for TG people of all kinds. Message board, conference area, data library, archived discussions, fiction.

GDANC: SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, IN4.

Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc. Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

THE DIVA CONNECTION: Chicago, IL: Free, open board. (313) 334-3957. 300-14000 baud. Sysop: Vanessa Justice

Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to memhers of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture.

LIFETIME: Chicago, IL: (708) 438-1901. 300 thru 14.4K Baud 8N1.

Support, information, E-mail for the entire TV/TS/TG community. Free 24-hour board. Message/Conference sections, Gender-related File areas. Sysop Denise Peters. New users sign on and then leave message to Sysop for acces to private gender area. Full coverage of activities of Chicago Gender Society and Chi Chapter. Tri-Ess. Current happenings in Chicago, Southern Wisonsin, NE Indiana metro area. If you are a Tri-Ess or CGS member, give membership number for access to member bulletin area.

PUSS N BOOTS: P O Box 832556, Richardson TX 75083-2556 Board phone (214) 437-0688 node 1 (1200-28,800 baud) all nodes.

Support BBS for gender issues. 24-hours/day, seven days/week. Access free to gender community. Mention *Tapestry* in your log-on questionnaire and leave message. Let SYSOP know if you live full time. TGnet available with echoes New-Women, New-Men, Transition and more. Also latest AIDS/HIV information. SYSOP Aaron Davis.

FEMINET: (408) 648-8887 2400baud, or (408) 648-8734 14400 baud V32b, 8-N-1, Monterey Bay, CA

Most active BBS exclusively serving the gender community, central hub of TGNET, the international network for TG people. Over 1000 non-fiction files for TGs, 2000 gender fantasy stories, over 1000 TG GIFs, software for IBM, all TGNET echomail forums, selected FIDONET echomail forums, semi-private mail functions, netmail, special personal contact features. Library is kept up to date. Log-in to line 2: (408) 648-8887 with your name and personal password on the DIGICOMPUTRONICA section. Once logged in, read the announcement and general screens until reaching the first menu, and press P. When asked for a validation code, reply with KEY.

Financed with contributions. Line 2 basic access id free. $25 yearly for additional line 1 and full library access. $100 for maximum lifetime multiline access. Special arrangements available for international callers,or those with donations.

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Supporting all ways of life: TS, TV, Bi, Gay, Lesbian, Straight. Conferences, Files, Matchmaker, eMail. 24-hour operation. Free access.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 841-TV/TS (2400 MNP), (818) 841-8920 (14.4k v.32bis)

Connecting the Gender Community 24 hours/day. News and information, chat, e-mail, personals, TV/adult library, free community public service and information areas. On-line shopping mall.

AEGIS: AIDS Education General Information System, America's leading HIV/AIDS information resource! Santa Ana, California (714) 248-2836. At the main AEGIS menu, use the B (no quotes) command. The command is not visible on the screen, but is active. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex.

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. AEGIS is a global AIDS education response of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt corporation. Access is free. Donations are invited to help continue the service. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Indicate in the memo field, For AEGIS. Send to Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Attn: AEGIS, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184. Voice (714) 248-5843 FAX (714) 248-2839.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 732-1323, 1200-14400 baud 8N1.

Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service. Gender community support. SYSOP Rose Ann Cain. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486(415) 239-8467, 1200-14400 baud, 8N1 (BBS) (415) 334-3439 (voice mail).

A coompputer bulletin board system accessible by both modem and voice telephone, serving as a forum for announcemounts about club activities and for general discussions of gender issues.

THE LAND OF OZ_BBS: P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381 (907) 258-9909. 300/1200/2400/14.4, 8N1.

Theme major bulletin board system. Support and resources for the transgendered community. Telecon, email, info sigs and more. Sysop access approval. Twenty-four hour password approved access. Soon to have multi lines and The Berdache Voice on line. Net access in '95.

TRANSGEN:transgen-request@brownvm.brown.edu

Electronic mailing list in mail or digest form. In support of transgendered issues, emphasis on transsexuality. No fee. Like cd-forum. Internet access is required. Archives available. Anyone may join the list, but must be screened by the moderator before joining. Posts to the list are not confidential. No requirement to post.

NEW CREATION BBS: (702) 366-9663 , 300/1200/2400 Baud. 8N1.

New Creations BBS is G/L/Bi/TG friendly. It has special Womyn's only and Men's only sections, plus an Alter Ego/LOTS Sub as well. New user password is ROSEBUD. Call, tell User#1, The Sysop, that you saw this listing in *Tapestry* and want YOUR unique Access. In 12 hours or less you will be started.

IN FRANCE: TOOT*EON+RETURN, or TOOTSIE+RETURN. or PSEUDONYM NANCY US+RETURN, TRANS+RETURN, to dialogue, 1+Return. Contact: Jeanne, tel and FAX (331) 69 46 14 29.

IN GERMANY: TRANSWORLD: +49-5551-1568 (inside Germany (05551) 1568), 2400-19200 MNP5, 8N1, online 17:00-7:00h. 24 hours on weekends MEZ.

Totally free. First German BBS catering exclusively to the TV/TS, mainly German language, large files library, support areas for TV and TS, up-to-date calendar. New users should send a private letter of introduction to the SYSOP.

COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106.

The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703.

Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E. The *TV/TS Tapestry Journal* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the community's own publishing house.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males. Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking. Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (617) 891-9325 (Tues,7-10pm, EST).

Rosebuds is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue.

DONNA COGNAC, IMAGE STUDIO: 8 King Street, Saugus MA 01906

Makeup, dress, and personal style consulting for all who wish to look their best. % (617) 665-7703

BAD ATTITUDE: P O Box 390110, Cambridge MA 02139

This magazine is called *Bad Attitude* because that is what women who take their sexuality into their own hands (so to speak) are told they have. Subscriptions $30/year, $6 for single issues.

TV-TS CONFIDENTIAL: c/o Ms. Abby M. Greene, P O Box 6211, W. Franklin NH 03235

Magazine. Subscription $36 per year in US, $40 per year in Canada or overseas. Subscribers can place a 40-50 word Personal Listing.

ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS: Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

Permanent hair removal for males and females.

RITES OF PASSAGE: NWC, P O Box 67, South Berwick ME 03908

The newsletter of the New Women Conference. $12 for four issues.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

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CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; (215) 640-9449.

A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community. Publish *Art and Illusion:A Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September. Mailing list strictly confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. Mailing list strictly confidential.

CHRYSALIS QUARTERLY: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033

The official publication of the American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc. For both consumers and caregivers. Theme-related issues explore topics in depth. $36 for four issue subscription.

☎ (404) 939-0244

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

A newsletter written by and about TS.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543 (813) 973-0987

A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions. Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community.

GRACE AND LACE LETTER: POB 31253, Jackson MS 39286-1253

Periodical relating crossdressing/gender issues to what it says in the Bible. The gender-friendly passages in the Bible are worth getting to know.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207

Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843

TV/TS publishing house. Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues.

TRANSSISTERS, The Journal of Transsexual Feminism: c/o Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110

Non-profit quarterly magazine on issues of transsexuality from a femininst perspective. Designed to promote dialog between the TS and feminist communities and to foster feminist consciousness within the TS community. Sample issue $6.00. One year, four issues, $24. Outside USA, Canada, Mexico, $25. Make checks, money orders payable to Davina Anne Gabriel. Write for advertising/wholesale rates.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex CD Corporation.

PARTNERS: P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163

Formerly the *original* ***WACS Newsletter***. Now expressly for couples in the transgender community. Samples $3, four-issue subscription $12. ☎ (210)) 980-7788

GENDER REVIEW: P O Box 126, Arvada CO 80001

A newsletter for the professional presenting a timely report of current publications concerning issues of gender and crossdressing. ☎(303) 423-9885

FtM NEWSLETTER: 5337 College Ave #142 Oakland, CA 94618
Quarterly, longest continuously running, widest circulation for female-to-male TV/TS/SO. $15.00/yr. minimum suggested donation. $20.00 International. Professional subscription rate, $25.00.

DRAGAZINE: P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.
Published two or three times a year. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade. $5.95 for single issue, $10.95 for two-issue subscription.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 907-3053. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.
Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, JoAnn Roberts' *HotBuzz*, reviews, and feature articles. Mailed in plain brown envelope.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.
News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles.

TRANSFORMATION: P O Box 459, Orange CA 92666
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Custom-made Victorian corsets by mail order. Bi-monthly ***Corset Newsletter*** starting its 11th year. $18 per year US and Canada, $24 overseas. Color brochure of corsets available $5. Brochure and recent newsletter $7, overseas $6/10. It is best to have the corset brochure before calling to discuss corset measuring or order.
☎(415) 961-5354 phone/ FAX, Ruth Johnson.

GENDERFLEX: c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.
Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available. Does not accept advertising. Accept interactive submissions letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.
A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE CANADIAN CROSS-DRESSER: 161 Gerrard St. East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2E4.
Bi-monthly non-sexual magazine for and about CD, TS, FI, DQ. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information.

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.
Periodical about a variety of CD issues.

BOY'S OWN: BM Network, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.
A quarterly newsletter for female-to-male transsexuals and their significant others. Write for more information.

INTERNATIONAL TV REPARTEE: Rose's, Roundel Street, Sheffield S9 3LE ENGLAND.
Published quarterly, Repartee is a large format magazine with color photos presenting a positive image of all aspects of crossdressing. Sample copy $10 (L5 from Rose's). Subscription L18 in UK. Available in USA from Spartacus, 1331 Garden Grove Blvd, Suite G, Garden Grove CA 92643

BOYS WILL BE BOYS: BWBB, P O Box 5393, West End Bris, AUSTRALIA 4101
Bi-monthy publication for FTMs.

POLARE: P O Box 266, Petersham NSW 2049 AUSTRALIA
A quarterly publication that is a forum for discussion and debate of gender issues. Published by The Gender Centre.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O B 983, Wellington New Zealand.

ON TOP: P O Box 11-412, Manners Street, Wellington New Zealand
Newsletter for the transsexual sex industry workers. ☎ 04-382-8791

TARTAN SKIRT: ADF Editorial Services, Tullochvenus House, Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire AB31 4RN, SCOTLAND
Scottish quarterly magazine for the gender community. Contains factual self-help and first person articles on the how, when and why of CD & TS.

LES CHEMINS DE TRANS: c/o Belgische Gender Stichting, Pluimstraat 48, 85000 KORTRIJK - B, BELGIUM
Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE:
P O Box 13500, 2501 EM,
The Hague, Netherlands.Info and discussion magazine on TV and TS.

ANT TRADING COMPANY:
4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.
Publisher of ***Queen*** Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.
SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. Deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY & ARCHIVES: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033
Repository for print, film, and electronic material related to crossgender expression. The collection includes books, unpublished manuscripts, film, journal articles, clippings, videotapes, personal papers, pictures, playbills, etc. Focus is on North American materials. The library is housed at AEGIS Headquarters and is open by appointment. Access to personal papers can be limited by the donor. Materials circulate only by special arrangement. We are actively soliciting material.
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: 5707 Firenza St, Houston TX 77035-5515
Annual conference in Houston, Texas each summer. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published *Proceedings* available. Write for more information.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.
Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons. Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.
Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking free will donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prostheses of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island/Northwest African anthropological /archaelogical items, statues of dieties from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.
A non-profit academic research and study facility. Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds). Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency Inquire on access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins for full security consultation.

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AUDREY M.
(E MA-M0280-K1855-73)
MWM bi-TV, 58, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

HEATHER ANDERSON
(E MA-M0661-K7401-71)
Member TCNE. M CD with TS inclinations, brunette, blue eyes, 44, 5'11", 130. Interested in music—classic to rock, cooking, running, computers. "I am looking for friends who want to let their femininity blossom. I used to go out in public years ago and am once again working towards that goal."

•JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-72)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 69, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

SUSAN A.
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-71)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-72)
SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. "Have attended 60 weekends and 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."

EVE B.
(E MA-M0508-K0107-71)
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

•JUDITH THOMPSON
(EMA-P-M0733-K0229-71)
Member INNvestments. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes

well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Like contacts with CDs in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

•SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-71)
SBiWM TV, 38, 5'10", 160, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice who would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and understanding women to help improve my femininity, passability, etc. Honest relationships considered."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-NP-M1648-K0121-73)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 52, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out, developing the ability to pass in public and blend in the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships who are sincere,have same interests."

JOANNE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-71)
"Have opened up to my wife of 25 years, but it is still difficult to talk when she doesn't ask questions. This lifelong passion demands expression. Need to communicate with anyone in Portsmouth, NH area. Please write! PS I can laugh, too!"

MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-71)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

JOANNA EDLONS
(MA-P-M1873-K2163-71)
WM hetero TV, 61, 15/16, Spring Fling '90, '91, Fantasia Fair '93, IFGE volunteer since 1990. "Suffered greatly until coming out in 1989. Still carry scars. Live alone, can dress at will. Need friend/confidant to share femme times. Prefer ctl MA. Write newsy letters if you only want to correspond. I need exposure, how about you?"

KATHY MASTERS
(MA-NP-M2038-K2439-74)
Fun-loving CD, 40ish, medical professional. Non-judgmental, open to other lifestyles/sexualities. Well balanced between masc and femme, likes to help people, has good shoulders to dry on. Dress fully in corsets, maid's costumes, has full wardrobe from bridal to secretary outfits. Seek communication with CD/TSs and women.

DIANA S. DWYER
(MA-P-M2146-K2539-74)
"I am placing this ad because I am need of positive, honest support. I am not interested in sexually obsessive individuals. I am 27, a light drinker, and a non-smoker. I'm involved in psychotherapy for my transsexual feelings as well as my abusive childhood. If interested, please write."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-72)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. No S&M or B&D."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-73)
"Crossdresser, single, seeking the spiritual and expressive feminine side. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Supports political action for human and civil rights for the transgender community."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-71)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-71)
MWM, late 40's, dressed all my life. "Wife knows. Tolerated, but not in her presence. Hobbies are sailing, camping, hiking. Physically fit, 6', size 20. Love heels, earrings and everything in between. Why are women the only ones who can wear skirts?"

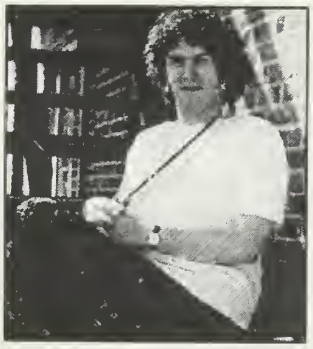
•DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-78)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. Moving to NH shortly. "Coming our step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and aeeeptance of this duality a spiritual path?"

ANONYMOUS M.
(MA-M3277-K6457-71)
6', 210, WM, 32. Interested in sports and travel. "Would like to meet transsexual for long-term relationship."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-71)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist, and eheerful feminine essenee in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in musie, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging publie nearly 100%, offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-71)
TCNE, 5'8", 155, size 12, brown eyed brunette, married with children. Enjoy skiing, sailing, SCUBA, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up to dine out, shop, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. My goal is to be an attractive lady obviously enjoying her femininity."

MICHELLE J.
(MA-M4172-K9093-71)
MWM with TS tendeneies. 6', 185 and losing. Interested in eomputers, golf. "Wish to meet other TS/TV for help and understanding as wife doesn't partieipate. Love to dress in short skirts, heels and everything feminine. Thanks for helping me out of eloset."



VICTORIA ANN A.
(MA-P-M4174-K0360-72)
Member of Sunshine Club. 35, 6', brown eyes and hair, TG. Interested in photography, musie, shopping, movies, girl talk, eooking, sewing, daneing, and quiet times with someone speeial. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity. Plcase write, will answer all."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(MA-P-M4422-K9659-72)
"Love the total femme look. 50 plus, SWM, 5'9", 14-16. Am beeoming more comfortable with my new self and am starting to venture out. Would love to find a GG to enjoy and share both parts of my life with. Please enclose pieture when you write. My response will be quick."

JESSICA COLLINS
(MA-P-M4977-K6982-72)
"Late 30s. Dressing aetively for six years, although this has been a lifelong pursuit. Enjoy regular nights out in New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Looking to invest more produetive days out in support of our community. Interested in everything."

CHRISTEENA G. (MA-M5018-K3971-73)
SW Bi-M, 35, 5'8". "Been erossdressing sinee childhood. Interested in talking to other big sisters who understand it's time for this woman to get out of the eloset! Enjoy feminine side. Would enjoy meeting understanding women, TV/TS. Friend of Bill W. 2 years. Plcasc write. Photo appreeiated."

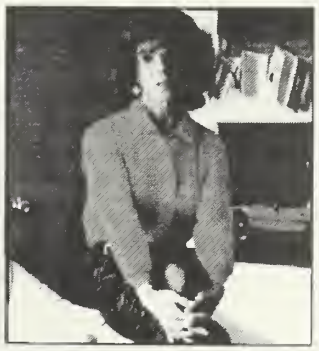
DONNA N.
(MA-M4943-K10960-72)
Bi-WM 60s, in closet, widowed. Would likc to meet other CDs, TVs for help to be more feminine, and for dating. No males.

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

•ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-71)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysies, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and beeoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

MARYBETH COOPER
(RI-M3744-K8198-73)
SWM CD, 36, closeted. Would like to hear from those who have stepped out, eoming out stories. Also interested in hearing from understanding females.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)



KIMBERLY ANN C.
(NH-P-M4243-K5161-71)
Divoreed TS, 150, 10/12, mid-40s. "Workout regularly. Want and willing to help CD/TV/TS who take honest

pride in themselves and what they do. Not the best, only the best I can be. Looking towards writing pen-gals from all over country. Please write. Will return promptly, exchange discreet photos."

•A. M. GREENE
(NH-NP-M0731-K0277-99)
"Post-op new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential Magazine*. We need cover girls."

KERRI R.
(NH-P-M1095-K0294-72)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends,making new ones."

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-73)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."

CAREY CLARKE
(NH-M4441-K9688-72)
Co-Founder of GT North support group in southern NH. "Early stage TS trying to re-arrange my life. Happy to meet and talk with any gender-challenged persons. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi."

PAULA ANN NOVAL
(NH-M4510-K9740-73)
"Am interested in communicating with and meeting others in NE area who are exploring additional ways of dressing for pleasure along with crossdressing, such as exotic apparel (leather, latex, PVC, etc.) amateur theatricals, impersonation, etc., in a social context."

MAINE (038- 047-)

JANET M.
(ME M1697-K0313-72)
Older CD who is at ease with self and would enjoy socializing with others. Likewise ladies close to area.

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-73)
Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October 1992. Vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, creative writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, socializing, corresponding, new friends.

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-72)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

CYNTHIA T.
(ME-NP-M5121-K11173-73)
35, 5'7", MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies, request help to realize potential. "Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, most fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TV/TS, women, build friendships, learn the art of passing."

LOU ANN C.
(ME-M4962-K6927-71)
SWM, TV, 5'11", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair. Dressed since childhood. Interested in reading, movies, boating, fishing, and feminine clothes. "Would love to meet CD/TV/TS and understanding women. Want to correspond,make friends."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-77)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

MARCIA M.
(VT-M4760-K10702-74)
MWM. Late 40s. "Wife is devoted and completely supportive.
Silver anniversary in '96. No children. Dressing since early teens. Out of closet since 1992. Not very passable, but enjoy being dressed. Looking for pen pals to share experiences. Will respond to all."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-72)
SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoys dressing as a female, meeting TVs and especially females for girl talk, etc., and country music. "Would like to meet a couple who enjoy going in public with me. Others say that I pass very well. Would appreciate photo with first letter—I will return it."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-71)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome letters."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-78)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

•CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-71)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield."

•MARIANNE GIBSON
(NW CT-P-M4331-K5757-72)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, blue eyes, long lashes, recently out and happy. "Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. Hope to respond."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-71)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

•KATRINA "KATE" B.
(SW CT-P-M4335-K9016-72)
MWM, hetero, TV/TG, 5'7½", 180, 65+, 18. Retired educator, supportive wife. Outings: movies, shopping, nature walks, restaurant. Passing: cautious, discreet, incognito. "Enjoy feeling of fulfillment when as Katrina."

STACI H.
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-73)
Staci, 43-years-old going on 23, likes to act and dress like a young lady. Short skirts and high heels are her trademark. Friendly and fun-loving, Staci seeks other girls who just want to have fun-*within reason*. Staci will be coming out of Victoria's Secret's closet real soon now.

BILLIE K.
(CT-P-M4673-K10349-74)
Member COS. 50s, 5'10", 155. Interested in golf, auto racing. "I'm easy going, like to meet other sisters. Like the feel of nylons and sexy lingerie. Have been out some. Travel limited. Looking for help with finishing touches of my makeup. Write with your tips and pleasures. Will answer all."

SUSAN SINGER
(CT-M4848-K7792-71)
Member: Human Race, Cross Gender Community, Tri-Ess. WM/F, 30s, CG/TS, rather born/live female life style. Attracted only to Biological Females. Interests: photography, BBSs, publishing, graphics, occasionally dressing as preferred female gender. "Like to hear from sincere, honest CD/TSs for possible non-sexual correspondence, friendship, support."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

JULIE C.
(NJ-M1460-K0452-73)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

KIM JOHNSON
(NJ-M3037-K5279-73)
"Kim's new joy is a Sony HI8

video camera, a large screen TV, and a Cindy Lauper CD. Then she dresses up and really struts her stuff."

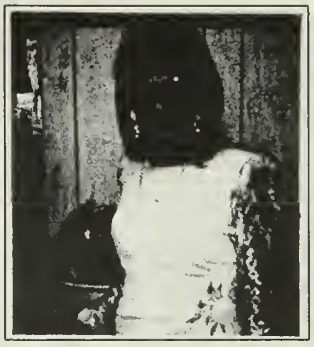
PAMELA G.
(NJ-NP-M3070-K5682-73)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. "Hope to go public in '95. Besides dressing, I enjoy large scale RC planes and G gauge model railroading. I appreciate correspondence with LADIES, especially those in North Jersey."

BABS C.
(NJ-NP-M3219-K6211-77)
Member MOTG, Renaissance, Eulenspiegel Society. "Married with supportive and loving wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standardbred horses and tennis. Travel to Poconos, P'town, NYC and New Hope en femme. Started electrolysis. Gaining confidence in femme role. Enjoy meeting other TV/TSs couples for dinner, clubs, shopping and serious talk."

JANE T.
(S. NJ-M3487-K7209-74)
MWM, hetero, 6', 196, 50, athletic build, understanding wife. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, B& D, heels and especially RUBBER. "Have a full beard and prefer not to leave the closet for obvious reasons. Enjoy correspondence, respond to all!"

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-71)
Member MOTG. 130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. TS on hormones and evolving into what was meant to be: a pretty woman. "I enjoy spending time with my friends dancing, shopping and fashions. Starting to pass and it feels great. Correspondence welcomed."

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-74)
Member Renaissance. MWM, TV, 40s, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attend monthly meetings of Renaissance. Attended TCNE First Event '93, '94. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TVs for friendship and socializing. Open minded. Can travel. Photo appreciated. Plan to attend a number of weekend events each year."



•ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-P-M3637-K7810-76)
"Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of their closets, and to help the transgendered legally and socially. Want to network with those with similar goals."

JIOVANNA TOWERS
(NJ-NP-M3678-K7998-74)
Member MGN. Attended Moonlight in Manhattan '93, '94. Fun-loving, open-minded Bi/pre-op TS, 5'7", 29, 135. On hormones since 7/92. "Seeking serious long-term relationship with single easy-going men or bi-TV who is financially and emotionally secure, to help me with transition and attain SRS. Reply with photo and SASE. No fantasy seekers. Smokers okay."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-72)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-NP-M3777-K8249-77)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Drop me a line."

PATRICIA L.
(NJ-NP-M3897-K6468-72)
24, 6'2", 160, single TS. "Enjoy science, reading, music, camping, hiking, playing the flute. Like to correspond with other TSs, especially those in scientific fields."

VIKKI M.
(NJ-M4391-K3964-72)
Active member of MOTG. Wide variety of interests includes but is not limited to: collecting modern dolls, Zen,

collecting fashion lingerie advertisements, Silva Mind Control, Stonewall 25 marcher, storytelling for healing, third sex, cyberspace, Sun Tzu, Book of Five Rings, and how do we get to the future from here."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8508-73)
MWM, 5'11", 35, black hair, brown eyes, educated, shy, full-figured. Interested in art, music, dreaming, computers, walks in the woods, correspondence, sexy things. "Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to lingerie and teddies. I love making new friends and would love to hear from all. Hugs!"

•R. SUNSHINE
(NJ-P-M4135-K8060-73)
SWM, CD, 30s, 5'10", 38-28-36. Professional, enjoy classical piano, especially Chopin, nature, impressionism, movies, T'ai Chi Ch'uan for meditation, and being chic. "Looking for a slender SWGF, 30s, for a sincere friendship, possibly more. Send picture, be from central NJ. Love and Light, Frani."

•CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-72)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho (VP), LIFE, CDI. M, hetero, 50, 5'9", 160, supportive wife. "Dressing since a tender age. Travel en femme. Enjoy going to concerts, dinner, etc. Correspond extensively, but can never have too many friends. Will exchange letters and photos with those of similar interests. NO SEX LETTERS!"

CHRIS C.
(NJ-P-M4266-K9042-71)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 125. CPA, athletic. Enjoys outdoors, movies. "Interested in a single genetic female for companionship. Possible long-term relationship."

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-M4719-K10436-78)
Member TV/TS Northern NJ. "Just recently came out and loving every minute of it. 36, 5'6", 140. Active in photography and music. Would be willing to help my sisters with photos. Love being a girl and look forward to meeting other girls like me. Looking forward to hearing from you."

DENISE B.
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-73)
MWM hetero CD, 36+, 5'7". Member Chi Delta Mu, Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94 and will be at Holiday En Femme in NYC. Wife tolerant but not supportive. "Have been dressing since childhood. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to, develop the feminine side. Enjoy going out en femme."

•RACHEL TAYLOR W.
(NJ-P-M4609-K0453-71)
Tall, slender non-op M-F TS, quite passable, long auburn hair and greenish eyes, living P/T as female. Interested in art, antiques, cooking, gardening, music, shopping, travel. "On hormones, constantly working to bring forth the woman within. Seek friendship, sharing with TSs, females, also help to complete transformation. Referrals most welcome."

DIANE DAVIES
(NJ-M4859-K10477-71)
MWM, 36, 5'11", 165, CD. "Just out and having fun going out. Wife accepts, not ready to participate. Spend a lot of time on the road and would like to hear from all over. It gets lonely, but it is fun with the right people. Need some help, pass okay."

SUSAN LYNETTE
(NJ-NP-M4700-K10391-74)
MWM. 49, member of Tri-Ess. "Wife supportive. Travel to Virgin Islands several times a year. Enjoy going out to restaurants and clubs with other sisters and couples in NYC and NJ. Making a Dining Out Guide for the Tri-State Area. Also enjoy SCUBA, fishing, shopping."

KANDICE MARIE K.
(NJ-M4966-K3773-72)
Early 40s. "Have enjoyed being a woman most of my life. Enjoy photography, movies and reading. Also like shopping for clothes and talking on the phone. Although I have crossdressed most of my life, am coming to terms with my transsexualism and hope to begin transition soon. Look for friendship and sharing."

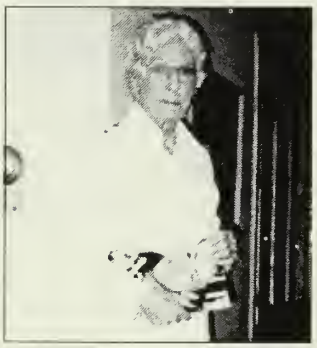
FRANCIS F.
(NJ-M5110-K1263-73)
MWM, hetero. "Love dressing stylishly. Black nightgowns and sexy lingerie were made for me. Feel the same? Good, Let's chat. Love letters, all are answered."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

ANGELA S.
(NY-M0719-K0615-71)
Member EON. "We are a very special and gifted people. I am proud to know all my friends who are

them all a pleasant journey on their chosen paths, and all my love."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-P-M0428-K0617-72)
MW, lifelong, dedicated. Goal to maximize femininity in body, comportment, apparel, accessories, etc. Originated, "Breast Plan," a free, safe, easy, non-hormonal breast enlargement process. Write for free instructions. "Natural 34C, 14/16, forty-something, sensuous, shaved, open-minded, clean, discreet, helpful. Enjoy corresponding, photo swap, meeting."



CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-M0973-K0653-71)
Member Rochester CD-Network. Married 1972. "Told wife in '87, she tolerates, but doesn't want to see me as Jodie. Two daughters. Hobbies include photography, cinema, vegetable gardening, short wave/scanner listening and swimming. Interested in meeting potential members for Rochester CD-Network."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-72)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "love the fun part of the scene, I derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-71)
Divorced, 45, hetero, attorney. Has been crossdressing entire life, and out since 1982. Besides crossdressing, enjoys writing, singing, song writing, and plays bass guitar. Enjoys skiing, long walks. Only dates women who accept Vickie. Former editor, *Lifelines,* former member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Does reply to correspondence sooner or later, usually later.

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-71)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. "Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride and confidence. Silks and suits or shirts and sweats. Welcome to my world."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-78)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 55, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-71)
DWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Strong TS feeling since early childhood. "Love the professional look: pumps, dresses, hosiery, etc. Would like to dress and get out more in the Southeastern NY area."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-78)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

VICTORIA NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-78)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-74)
SWM, 5'10", 190. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Girl friend supportive. "Love the total feminine look to be a passable lady. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-72)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

ROBYN E.
(NY-P-M2361-K3078-72)
"I'd like to help some newly emerging CD or TS as well as hearing from others, too. I'm interested in spiritual development, intellectual depth, and sensitivity as a woman and as a whole person. I want to have friends who can appreciate that."

JOANNE S.
(NY-P-M2375-K3117-74)
"Fifty-something living in upper Westchester County. Dressing forever, and so far have one foot out of the closet, but would love to get at least an entire leg out. Wife non-supportive, but I get by. I'd like to meet compatible sisters in the area, answer all."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-71)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Basically a caring sensitive person."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-73)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-74)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-71)
Member of Tri-Ess.

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-72)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with supportive wife. "Lifelong CD. Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup and perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music and sports. Will do my best to respond to letters. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's girl talk!"

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-74)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 42, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-72)
MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-NP-M2974-K5110-74)
Life-long CD. "I can't pass, but to blend in is a realistic goal. 46, 5'13", 180, single, lady businesswoman. Member Tri-Ess, editor *Buffalo Belles*, Nu Phi Chi newsletter. Glad to help newcomers in any way. No sex letters. Thank you, Kathy."

CARRIE K.
(NY-M4920-K9883-71)
Member MGN. mid-30s, professional, tall, thin, MTF pre-op TS. "Just beginning my transition. On occasion I've been a creator, sometimes an instigator, but now I find that I am an explorer. I'm interested in finding friends who share these feelings and perhaps understand where we might be going."

BRENDA VEE
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-73)
Member: LIFE/Board of Directors. Fantasia Fair '93. SWTG, 44, socializes as a woman. "True 'gender jumper' who loves life and all its people. Learning the meaning of daily self-expression. I love shopping, dining, fashion and makeup, and dress well. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, sincerity. F to M, too!"

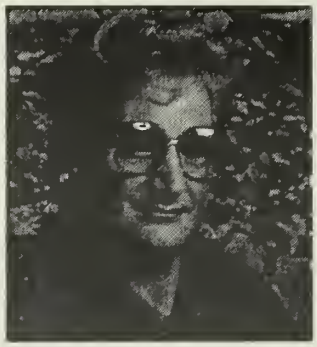
SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-71)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

ALLISON CRAWFORD
(NY-M5010-K2929-72)
Member GICNE, XX Club. 6'0", 39, 185. Interested in sports, shopping, '60-70s

music, romance novels. "Pre-op TS looking forward to the day my feminine self takes over. Starting hormone therapy fall '94. Seek others in the gender community, GG/TSs for mutual friendship and support."

JANICE G.
(NY-NP-M3316-K6587-71)
Member Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisters, Xpressions, Buffalo Belles. Buffalo area, 42, 5'6", "Enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Started coming out late '91, hormone therapy '94, full rime early '95, SRS? Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, music."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-71)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."



JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-71)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of L. Island."

ERICA H.
(NY-NP-M3937-K8489-74)
President LIFE '94, Executive Managing Editor *LIFELINES* '94-5. Published *ERIC'S BOOK & MOVIE REVIEWS FOR CDs*. Managing Director and Co-founder NEW YORK GIRL AND PARTNERS group geared toward accomplished crossdressers and friends. Many public outings: NY museums, theatre, World Class Shopper. Respond to all. Renaissance and COS."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

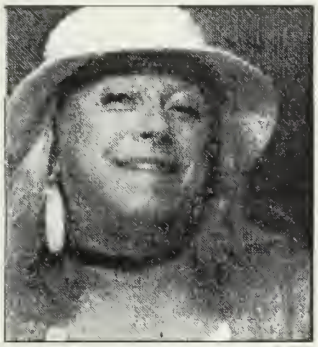
VICKI MILLER
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-72)
30s, 5'10", with participating fiancée. "Love elegant antiques, gowns, vintage clothes, satin, velvet, Spandex to career wear, making videos. Seek submissive maids to worship their queens, and others who aspire to royalty, too! Hope to start club soon."

JODIE H.
(NY-NP-M3700-K8044-73)
"So much for blending in! Married, having a great time together. Like to meet others who are out. Would like to do a cruise. Any ideas? Do NYC, Phila., Poconos regularly. Be true to yourself. Closets are for clothes.

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-P-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, ball games, good novels, strive for total feminization. Want to make friends in community."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-71)

Born 5/25/43. Married, two daughters. Teacher of math and computers for 28 years. "Have secretly dressed around the house since preteen, but only since joining Tri-Ess have I ventured out in daylight. I work around the house: gardening, repairs, construction. The computer is my hobby. Will write back to anyone who writes."



TINA A.
(NY-P-M4215-K7354-71)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk/jazz musician, writer, cartoonist, motorcyclist in both genders. "Caring about people, including yourself, is what it's all about. The rest is props and stage setting. Answers all sincere letters."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-72)
Single, 49, 5'7", hetero. "Interested in finding female companionship and TS friends. I am pondering about starting hormone therapy. Will gladly respond to all letters. Please include photo."

CAROL LEE
(NY-P-M4457-K4432-72)
Member NY Gender Alliance. TS, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping, board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-P-M4466-K9156-73)
5'10", 140, brown hair, hazel eyes, 40s, TS, single with feminine figure. Interested in nightlife, bicycling, music, movies, and electronics. "Would like to correspond and meet with other TSs for friendship, in areas of NYC or LI. Also seeking to date tall men for ltr. Will answer all with photo."

DIANNE KARRON-SCHWARTZ
(NY-NP-M4720-K10443-78)
Tall (6'), bright (PhD), medical school/university professor, pretty 38-year-old preop TS or possibly TG girl seeks friends to go out on the town, or visit when on the road. IRC addict. Transgen, C-D Forum. Likes dance, aerobics, makeup, opera.

FRAN ESTES
(NY-NP-M4870-K9111-75)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '92, '93, '94. Married to accepting wife. "In closet since child until six years ago. Came exploding out. Dedicated to helping others, educating public. I dress as a dignified, mid-aged lady. Will write,exchange photos."

CLAUDIA TURNER
(NY-NP-M4875-K9887-72)
SWM, 30, 6'3", 204, CD. "Truthfully, I consider myself a regular guy who likes to take a walk on the wild side (in my pumps, of course!). You know the type, professional,conservative on the outside, wild and crazy inside. Where are all you great letter writers and photo swappers? I'm raring to go!"

REBECCA BLUE
(NY-P-M4912-K10396-72)
"Beautiful CD (5'9", 147, 30) from Europe, new to NY, new to the pride of being different, seeks sisters (M & F) for friendship or more. Very androgynous, and not afraid of being M and F, not just M or F. More Grace Jones than a quiet housewife. Heavy into art and avant garde."

DANIELLE AZCET
(NY-NP-M5012-K5795-73)
Single, never married, shy, conservative, forty-year-old pre-op TS (non-smoker, non-drinker) desires to meet others for fun, friendship, and synergy in our femininity. I care. Be happy, don't worry. "If I could, I'd be a mommy. *Seriously, I hope the future astounds us all!"

SONYA HARDENG
(NY-P-M5026-K8993-74)
MW TV, W-NY/Erie, 5'11", 190, supportive wife, sometimes passable. "Enjoy going out shopping, long walks, drag bars with shows. I am shy but friendly, submissive as a woman, total look and feel. Looking for that special woman. Will answer all photo/phone. I look better than the picture."

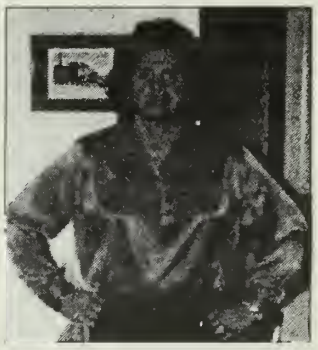
JOAN M.
(NY-NP-M5088-K3381-73)
Lonely TV/TS on hormones would enjoy writing to her sisters. Loves are music, theatre and being one of the girls. Travels the US for business. Welcomes help on being more feminine. "Will answer all. Please send photo and I will do the same."

CATHY NICHOLSON
(NY-NP-M5102-K10577-73)
47, CD. "Married with very supportive and involved wife. We are down-to-earth with a good sense of humor. Tri-Ess members. We are interested in corresponding and possible meeting other CD couples."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

JENNY W.
(PA-M2891-K4869-72)
Single TV, 33, 5'6", 140. "Passing and feeling wonderful as Jenny. Fun and outgoing with diversified interests. Would love t hear from all sincere, including gender girls. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!"

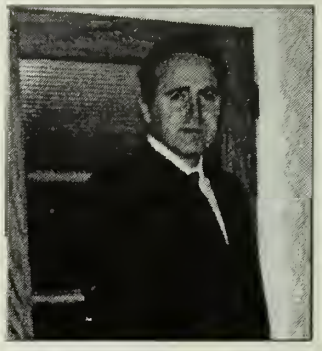
CHRISTINA FADOR
(PA-NP-M2827-K4684-73)
SWTV, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes. "Interests are hair, makeup, and shopping. Passable. Love to hear from TSs/females for fun, dating."



ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-71)
Member Renaissance. Pre-op TS on hormones 5 years. "Would like to meet and settle down with Mr. Wonderful and become the housewife I long to be. I'm very neat and clean. Need financial help for surgery. Will work off loan. Can relocate. Love sun-bathing, boating, hiking and cuddling."

•REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-72)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-71)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interest:sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."



CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-73)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-NP-M2020-K2429-73)
SWM, forties, 6', 165. I4, nonsmoker, professional. "Enjoy full petticoats, kilts, minis, lace and satin lingerie. Would love to explore CD fantasies with other TV/TSs or understanding women. Sensual, sensitive, spiritual. Interested in sincere caring friendships and fun."

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-74)
SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-71)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-71)
MWM, 40, 5'10", I85. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-71)
Member Transpitt. 5'II", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will reply to as many as I can."

S. KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-78)
"Founder Cross Dressers International in New York City, Director of Moonlight in Manhattan. Travel extensively,love to hear from you."

KATHY STONE
(PA-P-M3345-K6619-74)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to mect sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-74)
SW M-F hetero CD, 56, 5'I0", 260, member TCNE. "Would like to help hetero F-M CD discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. It helps if you like Japanese or Chinese cuisine."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-NP-M3383-K6784-74)
Member Renaissance. "Fun loving TV. Adore silky hose, sexy heels and soft underthings. Always looking to explore my true feminine inner feelings. Would love to correspond with/meet other CD/TSs, understanding women or interested men. Good letter with photo a plus. Interests: photo/video, sports, physical fitness & home computing."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-74)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would also like to find a female to enjoy the best of both worlds."

SAVANNAH-JEAN DALTON
(PA-M4826-K4426-71)
Pre-op TS, 26, 5'6", I40, blonde, blue eyes. "SWF TRAPPED IN MAN'S BODY. New Sojourner, not yet courageous enough to dress in public. Needs sisters for friendship,guidance; someone to hold hands with on this special journey."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-P-M4160-K8945-71)
Member Rochester CD Network. TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA/southern NY."

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-72)
Member Renaissance. MWM, hetero, CD with strong TS feelings, 40-something, I8. "Enjoy music, photography, shopping, clubbing, and am an avid aviator. Wife doesn't know. Dress only a few times a year. It takes a lot of sublimation and will power! Wish Diane could be around more often. Please write."

D. McKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-73)
Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93, Be All '94. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-74)
Single TV/TS, 6', 160. "Want to make friends with other TV/TS/GG. Interests include fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels and all that is feminine."

JESSICA BRANDON
(PA-P-M4838-K7044-71)
Hetero SBM, 35, 6'2", 195. "Have been crossdressing for over twenty years, but out of the closet for only three. My image is that of a stylish, sophisticated lady, and I always dress like a classy career woman. I'd love to hear from sisters, especially crossdressers of color."

PAULA RICHARDS
(PA-M5022-K8097-72)
Professional writer/photographer, 36, M-F transsexual. "Would like to hear from anyone who has completed hormone therapy, SRS, etc., or who is in transition."

BILLY RAY M.
(PA-NP-M5085-K10896-73)
SWM, 39 young! 6'1", 175, fit and active. "Looking for that special someone. Willing and able to support and encourage someone seeking fulfillment in TV/TS lifestyle. Desire to help you become the very best of who you are, and who you want to be. Please send a letter and photo. Will answer."

LISA KISH
(PA-NP-M5129-K11187-73)
33, 6'0", 165. "I'm back to my new self after suffering through a bout of *re*pression. Interested in hearing from old and new friends. I'm hoping to spend much more time having fun and interacting with the world as a woman."

KRISTEN EMBERS
(PA-NP-M5145-K11340-74)
SCD, 31, 5'11", 165. "Interested in shopping, movies, sports, stock market, music–classic rock to country (love Mary Chapin Carpenter). Pursuing master's degree. Would like to meet understanding female for friendship/relationship. Also seek correspondence with TV/CDs. Letter with photo gets answered with same."

BARBARA D.
(PA-M5151-K9319-74)
DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. "Love fashion/modeling. Enjoy challenge and magic when the clothes, accessories, and makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking, and fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females and other TV/TSs."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-74)
Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."

JAMIE L.
(DE-P-M4880-K5911-72)
TV who loves fun people. "Would love to hear from other TVs and TV admirers."

JANIE MARIE ADAMS
(DE-M5080-K8564-73)
MWM, CD, 5'7", 145, 40. "Recently out in public for the first time. Wife is supportive, but still learning about TV/CD. Enjoy feminine fashions, classical music and fine wines. Looking to correspond with other CDs and couples with similar interests."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (200- 205-)

MARY ELLEN K.
(DC-M1438-K0747-72)
WMM. Mature (61 years young). "Do not pass well and therefore do not go out. Do wear underthings regularly, they feel so comfy. Wife understanding and accepting to a degree. Would like to correspond with others in like circumstances, and exchange pictures dressed."

BONNIE LEONARD
(DC-M4440-K8190-76)
"Please help! I long to be a girl, but have a fear of not passing and a completely uncooperative wife. I want to contact others in my area, and to know of local businesses catering to TVs for clothing and shoes, hair, makeup and makeovers, voice training and electrolysis."

•KAREN ELIZABETH
(DC-P-M4500-K9734-73)
Member TGEA. Tall, slim, 34, WASP, professional, feminist, non-op TS. "Been crossdressing since childhood to relieve severe gender dysphoria. Circumstances prevent SRS, but I can always dream. Would like to correspond with and meet other *gender dysphorics*."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

S. G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-73)
"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

NANCY ANN BURDICK
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-73)
Member DCEA, WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92, Texas T Party '94, Be All '94. 5'9", 165, brown hair,eyes. Crossdressed since 10. Now have complete wardrobe and dress part of every day. Enjoy being out in any activity. Love clean CD magazines,writing to nice CDs."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(MD-NP-M4402-K8900-72)
MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 41, 41-32-41, 14. "Love all aspects of the feminine lifestyle. Let's talk! Love the career girl look, especially heels and ultra-sheer hose. Need advice on feminine deportment to pass. Never been out dressed, soon. Photo w/ letter gets mine."

LAURA DANIELLE B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-73)
"42, 6', transsexual woman in transition, feminist, partially out, with all associated joys and pains. Retired surgeon. Orthodox Jewish upbringing. Divorced. Two lovely boys in Israel. Struggling with both my past and my future, trying to divine my path while realizing there is no path."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-P-M4493-K9708-73)
CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional musician. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."

MICHELLE HART
(MD-NP-M5037-K10071-73)
Bi-TV, 35, 5'11", 170. "Enjoy being completely feminine. Interests are jazz/classical music, fine arts, wines and restaurants. Would like to correspond and meet other TV/TSs. Love sexy lingerie. Will exchange photos and videos. Photo if possible."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-74)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding TVs."

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-72)
WBiM, late-50s. "Looking for women, sisters and men to help me be the woman I want to be. Am a writer who is into jazz, computer-publishing, dressing up. Giving freedom and femme side late in life, so in a bit of a hurry."

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-71)
Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme."

DEBBIE OGLE
(C VA-P-M2095-K2493-72)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Bisexual. Interested in computers, sci-fi, music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better! Love to hear from others."

KATHERINE K.
(MD-M4905-K10858-71)
MWBi-TV, 6'3", 200, mature, trim, attractive, professional. "Have been crossdressing all my life, and enjoying every minute of it. But have been in the closet too long. Wife offers lukewarm support. Love to meet another bi-TV for friendship in MD/DC area."

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-73)
Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. 40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. "Friendly but shy. Try to be a good correspondent—not always successful. Enjoy meeting others."

SHARON LEE
(VA-M3185-K6110-74)
MWM. 54, 6', 185, recently retired, long time CD. "Supportive wife. Just starting to go out, but a way to go to pass. Interested in gardening, computers, horology. Enjoy my feminine side. Will answer all letters."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-73)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-74)
Member Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero TV, 70s, retired, 5'9", 165. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood to '91 when I discovered Virginia's Secret and IFGE. Divorced,remarried to wonderful and supportive widow. Welcome letters from other TV's."

JESSICA WARREN
(VA-P-M3673-K7973-72)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting,helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from transgendered people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

DON C.
(VA-M4284-KI425-72)
AM, 5'9", 168, desires to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travels mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. "Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-P-M4730-K10459-74)
D, 35, tall, slender, discreet. "Wish to correspond with all who are in need of LSF. I answer every letter, but give priority to those with a photo. Have enjoyed making all ny new friends, hope to continue to meet more. You have helped make '94 the best year of my life."

KARA H.
(VA-NP-M4858-K5470-71)
"T* trying to work out what the * is...maybe S, maybe V. 6'3", green eyes, blonde. Interests include transgendered and feminist issues, computers and science fiction. Love to meet others."

DAVE B.
(VA-M4881-K5926-71)
Bi-MWM, 42, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. Considered handsome with a warm and friendly disposition. "Travel, US, Canada and overseas. Wish to meet a TV/TS who desires a special relationship. Full of fun and mutual respect. Photo with your response would appreciated."

DIANE J.
(VA-NP-M4897-K10847-71)
MWM, 40, 6", 235. "Enjoy all things feminine, especially heels, nylons, lingerie. Looking for others to swap photos, correspond and meet. Travel CA, PA. Send photo, will respond with same."

DEBRA DAVIES
(VA-NP-M5087-K10926-73)
MWM, 5'11", 192, 45. "TV since age 15. Wife knows, but is less than enthusiastic (why should she be?). Go out monthly. Pass sometimes, not others! Interested in photo exchange and have videoed self dressed over last six years. Happy to swap and correspond."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

DEE DEE HENSELL
(WV-P-M2329-K3026-77)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 50, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6841-71)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. "5'7", 40, brown hair, brown eyes, great sense of humor. Have understanding wife who helps me. I've been a TV all my life and I love passing in public. Like to find more TV/TSs in my area."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

STEPHANIE DULA
(NC-P-M2519-K3660-71)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in Central NC area."

PATRICIA P.
(NC-NP-M3276-K6450-76)
"I'm 30, semi-vegetarian, a non-smoker, professional. Would like to make new friends in the Greensboro, NC area.My interests include music, playing guitar, outdoors, gender issues, marriage and meeting other couples."

KATHERINE D.
(NC-M4128-K8921-71)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Her goal is to develop so that she may pass."

DEBBIE N.
(NC-P-M3497-K7213-71)
Dual-gendered (androgyne), sober, vegetarian 40 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "Have very supportive and loving female mate. Out of the closet, and finally out of the house! Enjoy correspondence and contact with our community. Men invited to write."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-72)
"This Carolina girl loves going out and cherishes time as Pamela, but derives her real satisfaction in helping others. Enjoy sending letters and photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, and proud to be part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

GINA WRIGHT
(NC-M4432-K9675-72)
"I am a white, Male-to-Female crossdresser. I live in Lexington, NC and would like to meet others like me. I am closeted and would like to remain that way. Also interested in meeting males and females who understand my lifestyle. Whites only, 18-55 years, please contact me. I am 34 years old."

GINGER M.
(NC-P-M4313-K5509-71)
MWM, hetero, 42, 6', 175, blonde hair, blue eyes. Interested in dressing as Ginger, all things feminine. "After suppressing CD desires, have accepted Ginger as a big part of me. Intolerant wife limits opportunities. Still semi-in closet. Been out twice. Want to write/meet warm, sincere TV/TS/CD to discuss feelings,techniques."

JENNY P.
(NC-M4971-K8654-72)
SWM, 5'4", 26, 160 (trying to lose). "I am a very shy person. Been closeted crossdresser all my life. Looking for a friend to write to. Need advice on passing, coming out. Please write."

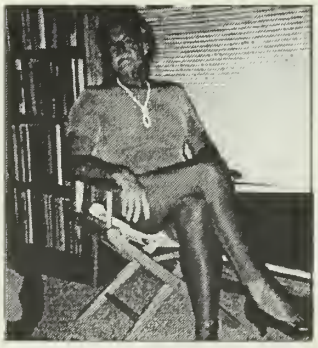
EMMA S.
(NC-M4864-K6443-71)
Single 35 CD with bi-tendencies, 6'2", 280 and losing. "Really just began dressing.

DEEP in the closet. Family would not approve if they knew. Seeking discreet friendship and advice on CD. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns, girdles, corsetry and cigarette holders. Major interests: history, RR, politics, clothing. Please write!"

LISA R.
(NC-M4936-K10950-75)
TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives.

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBIE ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-72)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG, maybe meet. Love girl talk."



LEE C.
(SC-P-M4926-K4696-72)
"Been crossdressing partially for many years in the closet. Recently came out. Love it! Have collection of lingerie. Looking for kindred spirits in area to share friendship. Would like to correspond and meet new friends."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

MICHELLE KELLY
(GA-P-M3054-K5640-73)
6', 170, blue eyes. "Traveling throughout Georgia."

RACHEL W.
(GA-P-M3251-K6404-71)
MWM. "Starting therapy for TS. Have a very supportive wife who wants me to be Rachel always. Would love to hear from all TS women."

JAMIE LEE GREGORY
(GA-NP-M3688-K8001-73)
TS, 5'10", 136, 45, divorced. Interested in movies, music, shopping, everything feminine. "Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. Have begun transition process. Family, children, employer aware and supportive. Found total relief and at peace with myself. would like to hear from others. Will answer quickly as possible."

WENDY WEST
(GA-M1486-K0842-71)
Member of human race. "While she loves to play dress up as much as the next girl, this Taoist CD is interested in hearing from sisters who seek the spiritual dimensions of 'gender euphoria.'"

LAURA A. SIMS
(GA-NP-M3956-K6882-74)
MWM hetero CD since age of four, 55, 5'9", 168, 40-34-38, blue eyes, blonde hair. "Love everything feminine, mostly home dresser, however, have enjoyed Southern Comfort and Atlanta Sigma Epsilon meetings. Love girl talk and sharing experiences. Your picture gets mine. Will answer all. PROMISE."

MICHELLE L.
(GA-M4724-K9565-74)
In therapy for lifelong gender/body conflict. "Am seeking mutual support and encouragement with this issue as well as good, honest friendships. Also looking for support groups here in SE GA and NE FL. Can anyone help? Will answer all who write. Please, no sexually explicit letters. Thank you."

JANE A.
(GA-M4820-K1223-71)
Attended P'town Outing '84. CD early 40s. "Am new to Savannah and would like to meet new friends. Love to sail and spend time in the sun! Am a Leo, and love to have fun. Active with the U.U. and have done some community theater. Try to answer all ."

STEPHANIE G.
(GA-NP-M5122-K9875-73)
41, slender, attractive bi-CD, open-minded, open heart, massage therapist. "Supportive wife. Very sensual and giving. Enjoy photos, correspondence, and fantasies. Interested in meeting others TV/TS/CD androgenous men. Send photo with letter. Becoming more femme every day. Deeply spiritual ('spiritual hedonist')."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

AUSTINE B.
(FL-P-M1086-K0910-72)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 54, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many varied interests. I am a friend of Bill W. and seek correspondence or meetings with others whose addictions have affected their gender dysphoria."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-73)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda (TLC). Late-30s, married with two children. Computer literate. "Active on various BBS including Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline and am exploring the Internet. We are forming a new group, TLC, and would like to hear from like-minded sisters in the N. Florida or S. Georgia."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-73)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-71)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interests: sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of closet and into a support group."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-P-M2690-K4330-71)
MWM, 6'3", MID-40s. Member of Tri-Ess and Central Fla. Sisters. "Lifelong CD just beginning to accept my feminine self. Wife is very tolerant of Joanne. In the closet but slowly emerging, could use some help and encouragement. Enjoy corresponding and would like to meet other sisters in NE FL."

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-71)
Attended Southern Comfort, Manhattan Madness. Hetero, 5'8", 150, very fit entertainer. Interested in dancing, biking, photography, stock market, shopping. "Party animal. Enjoy clubbing and meeting new sisters around the country. Travel to many functions. Recent documentary done on my lifestyle. Photo performances at Cabaret in Ft. Lauderdale."

SISSY K.
(FL-M3926-K8439-71)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Love to share interactive fantasies."

JODY N.
(FL-P-M2968-K5101-72)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-71)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interested in computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Have enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. We would like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A or by mail."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4256-K9546-71)
"I thank God daily for my blessings: wife, daughter, friends accept me crossdressed, even encouraged to do so at home. I never would have believed that it could happen to me, but it did. Take heart, it could happen to you!"

STEPHANIE MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-72)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

NORMA SUE ALLISON
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-73)
5'8", 180. "Pre-op TS who loves romantic evenings, country music, corresponding with others, and all things feminine. Currently separated from non-supportive spouse. Enjoy shopping and dining out. Will answer all who write. Photo gets mine in return. Would love to meet others from the Tampa area."

VICKY S.
(FL-M4639-K10237-75)
WM CD, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Bahamas, and anywhere else. Will answer all. Wife and children very supportive and

KAREN ANN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-72)
MWM, TG, hetero, forty-something. Member Tri-Ess, Central Florida Sisters. Interested in computers and telecommunications. "Enjoy BBSing, answering letters, shopping, reading, and almost everything feminine. Enjoying a second chance at life with 100% self-acceptance and with partial acceptance from wife and friends. I'll answer if you write."

DIANNE WHITE
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-74)
TS on hold. Member MOTG. "Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Lest's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic. Let's chat. Love corresponding on any subject. All letters answered."

DENISE B.
(FL-NP-M4035-K8736-74)
39-year-old CD. Married. Intolerant wife, 5'10", 160. Attended '93, '94 Be All, '94 Southern Comfort. "Eclectic tastes, particularly fond of shopping. Active on Tri-Ess BBS. Discovered my femme side only two years ago. It has brought me my life's highest highs and lowest lows."

•PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-74)
DWM, 50s. "Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past front door. Passable, maybe. Second opinion welcome as well as support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as often as possible. Photo and phone appreciated. Will answer all."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-73)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-72)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel.

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-M4764-K10766-74)
DWM, 53, 5'8", 140, teacher, author. "Have written plays on TS; doing more. I enjoy being a girl, shopping, reading, movies, travel, music, dancing, romance (loving; being loved). I'm new, but I love it! Write to me. I treasure letters, and I always answer them promptly."

LISA T.
(AL-NP-M4986-K5005-76)
6'0", 155, blonde, blue eyed TS seeks other TS/CD/TV to correspond with and trade photos. "Love showing off my long sexy legs. Your photo and SASE gets mine. Answer all. Possibility of meeting the right 'girl.'"

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-74)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair most of time, 22, hetero CD. Single and very much in closet. "Would like to meet an understanding female for possible relationship. Would also like to meet other hetero CDs for help in promoting feminine self."

DESIREE SCINTILLA
(TN-NP-M5160-K11336-74)
TS. "Sweet, loving and sensuous. 5'11", 160, 10T, 41. I would love to start taking hormones and continue through SRS, but too afraid without loving, faithful male support. Seek tall CD/TV/MAN for relationship, TS/woman for friendship/lady talk. Love being a woman. Hope you all like me!"

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-71)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 38, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-72)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures."

JOANN LYNN
(MS-NP-M3858-K3224-78)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LYNNE B.
(KY-M1992-K2494-72)
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.

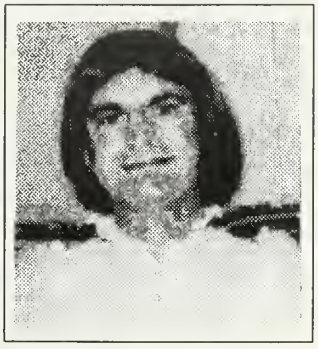
LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

DANA LYNN HOUSTON
(KY-P-M2524-K3731-72)
Creative and sensitive TG (not kinky), committed to achieving womanhood with or without the OPERATION. Lives as a woman in heart, mind,soul, but professionally as a man. Loves music, art, literature, cooking, gardening and design. "Married to loving woman, my friend, even if surgery ."

OHIO (434- 457-)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 70+, 5'9", 180. "Still in closet, but hurting. Nonsupportive spouse. Love dressing, but live in small town with limited opportunity. TS-oriented. Some hormones. Christian. Enjoy writing, fishing, femme fashions, music, reading. Want to meet others, but scared."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S OH-P-M0954-K1005-73)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"



•MARY R.
(OH-P-M1731-K1875-73)
Hetero, SWM, 38, CD, 12T, brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, everything feminine. "Love to hear from any genetic woman. Ultimate goal is to be in total role reversal with sincere woman who understands my feelings."

•CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-71)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computer BBS's (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-71)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

DIANE M.
(OH-M2212-K2660-73)
SWM, 5'11", 160. "Very strong TS desire. Quiet and shy, but anxious to make friends with others who have the same feelings. I would also like to correspond and meet females who could help bring out the woman that I should be."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-72)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet."

LISA HART
(OH-P-M2591-K3760-73)
Member Paradise Club. MWM hetero CD, 36, 5'10", 155. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa and everything feminine. Very understanding wife. Have been out shopping and to dinner a few times, but still learning to relax. Seeking CD girlfriend in my area for girl talk and trips out. NW OH."

TRACY WINTERS
(OH-M3622-K4238-71)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Paradise Club, Crystal Club. MWM, TV, 5'7", 150, 50ish. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

AMY L.
(OH-P-M2671-K4180-72)
"Single, 34-year-old gentleman. Outdoors, masculine type. I'm open-minded, supportive and understanding of the transgender community. Like to hear from TV/TS for dates, friendship, possible relationship. No marrieds or one-nighters. Just be sincere and honest. Can travel or entertain. Please send photo."

JOAN B.
(OH-P-M3224-K6235-74)
Attended Southern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

THERESA RICHARDS
(OH-P-M3244-K6409-71)
Member Paradise Club. "I am making great strides in our community, having been elected president of my support group in only two years. Willing to help any and all who wish to write with questions, or just to be friends."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OH-P-M3582-K7576-71)
5'3", 140, C, new woman, non-smoker. Interested in science, Sci-Fi, psychology, New Age, past lives. "Interested in meeting like-minded men and others for fun friendships and support. Non-smokers."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-P-M3589-K7569-71)
Member Crystal Club,

Crossport. 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, Vietnam Veteran, college education, professional. "Lifelong CD. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, theater and traveling. Have attended several conventions. Enjoy going places en femme."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-73)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Emerging from closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

TATIANA R.
(OH-M3886-K7267-73)
MWM hetero TV, 40s, 6', 165. Active on Compuserve's Genderline. "Would like to hear from others in the Ohio area. Am in search of a good support group."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-NP-M3931-K8465-74)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All '91-94. CD, 6', 165, MWM. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Pass well except for height. Love being well dressed and going out for the evening. Would like to correspond with CD/TVs, genuine ladies or interested gentlemen."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-M3955-K8523-73)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

•HEATHER P.
(OH-P-M4117-K8922-71)
Member Cross-Port. Attended Southern Comfort. 6', middle-aged. Interested in shopping, night spots, restaurants. "TS loves to go out on the town. At this time living 60-75% of the time as the right sex. Working toward 100%. Would like to correspond, meet TS/CDs."

MARLENE HENKE
(OH-M4187-K6487-71)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

PAULA HARMSTON
(OH-M4337-K6968-72)
Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around country, shopping, restaurants, etc."

DENISE SMITH
(OH-M4404-K9460-72)
"Hi, I'm Denise. I'm 34, 5'6", brn/brn, 12/14. I enjoy golf, racing, guitar and lots of other stuff. I'm divorced with two boys, so I have to be somewhat careful. I pass well and love to go out!! Seeking other TG/TVs,understanding GGs for friendship, maybe more."

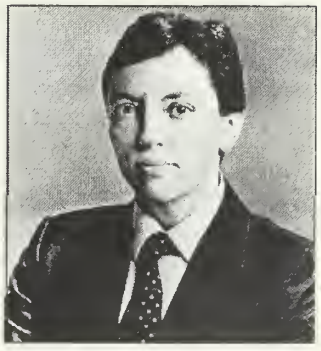
DENISE DAWSON
(OH-NP-M4746-K8130-78)
Member Paradise Club. Attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. Single CD, 39, 5'7", 132. "Very passable and love fooling the general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs and GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship."

KATHY GREY
(OH-M5044-K6767-72)
New member Cross-Port. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6'0", 1707, 14/16 (38-30-38), black hair brown eyes. "Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share and learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo."

JESSICA SIMMONS
(OH-NP-M5123-K10658-73)
5'9", 135, just-turned-forty, passable, pre-operative TS. "Into jazz, poetry, lesbian singers and literature. Of course, the Beatles. Would love to hear from others."

ANTHONY L.
(OH-M5128-K11188-73)
MWM, 42. "Professional writer of adventure fiction with lifelong attraction to and interests in feminine TS/TVs would like to meet or correspond with you. This Medina County resident is discreet and as affectionate as you wish, your basic nice guy. Available weekdays, some travel, will answer all."

INDIANA (463- 479-)



DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with, helping others "coming out."

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations,

IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award,'91. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-73)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenne self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."

RITA S.
(IN-NP-M1712-K1886-74)
45, 5'9", 160. "Sometimes shy, always sincere, honest. Lifelong CD. Want to make friends with sisters in the La Porte, Indiana area for get togethers, conversation, shopping, whatever! You are not alone! Seek hand-holding protective Man for my Honey. Around my age or older."

DEBORAH ANNE K.
(IN-P-M2011-K2422-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '90-'94. MWM, 54, 5'9", 150. Interested in gardening, shopping, housework, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, target shooting. "Enjoy dressing in cotton to silk, do so when wife is away. She knows. Learning to apply makeup. Like to help in person or correspondence."

ANNIE JOHNSON
(IN-M3400-K6858-71)
Member IXE. "Transgendered, non-op by choice. Living full-time and trying to stay self-employed-computers are my real love-consulting and counseling on spirituality, diversity, corporate culture and gender."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-74)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-72)
MWM, CD, dual gendered. "Nearing retirement, but vital and active. On a continuous voyage of discovery. Interests include writing, music, history, tennis and bicycling. Tri-Ess, CIGA and IXE. Paradise in the Poconos. Looking for CD friends of all ages, especially over 55. Experienced,loving,prudent."

BARBARA DAHL
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-71)
Member Tennessee Vals. Single TV, tall and slender. "Enjoy going out dressed to clubs in Nashville, TN. Occasionally perform as a female impersonator. Enjoy interesting people, fashion and music. Please include photo. Will try to answer all."

RACHEL L.
(IN-NP-M4549-K9772-74)
"Early 30s, shapely, passable and sincere CD. Dressing since age 16, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup, and fun-looking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. Dressing allows me to better express the femininity within me. And it's just plain fun. Drop me a line."

JANET P.
(IN-M4300-K2571-72)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."

CHERYL T.
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)
DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. "Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now seeking new friends in the TG community for correspondence and conversation. You write and I will answer."

PAULA K.
(IN-P-M4942-K10959-71)
5'11", 170, 50, MWM, understanding spouse, conservative dresser. "Enjoy traveling, home construction, photography. Want to write and meet other CDs in NW IN and SE Chi. Compare fashions and support. Serious CDs only. We can help each other. Include spouse if desired. Nothing kinky. Want to learn more about myself."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

LYNN P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-71)
Member Crossroads, IME. "Very feminine She-male de-

sires legitimate employment. Willing to learn and relocate. Also seeking friendship and companionship. I am/you must be drug, alcohol, and smoke free."

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-71)
Member Crossroads. "Past officer of Crossroads, college lecturer on transvestism. Supportive wife. Hobbies: photography, motorcycling. Attended 10 Be All"s."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SEMI-NP-M1165-K1050-77)
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-73)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, Cindy."

TINA L. PRATT
(MI-P-M1276-K1112-72)
TG/TS, 39, 5'11", 22W, long blonde hair, electrolysis...passable. "Out for 9 years now, with no regrets! Live in the Upper Peninsula, so there is little in the way of peer support here. Would enjoy hearing from others."

MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, advise others."

DEBRA D.
(MI-M3490-K7206-71)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

DEBBIE COOK
(MI-P-M2093-K2484-73)
Married hetero CD, 41,5'6", 130, 11. Vegetarian. Double Aquarius with Scorpio moon. Likes computers, astrology, Tai Chi, New Age and classical music, cats and gourmet coffee. "Love all things feminine. Would like your picture. Will write back ASAP."

MARSHA K.
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-72)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially in the MI area, meet,go out."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-71)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

STEPHANIE WELLS
(MI-NP-M3377-K6718-74)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain some insight, and enjoy life more."

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-73)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps marriage."

CHRISTIE WOODS
(MI-M4563-K9757-73)
MWM, 34, TG. "Just com

ing out. No picture yet. My wife knows, but still seems to struggle with acceptance, as do I. Father of two sons. Am interested in all things feminine. Plan one day to go out dressed. Would like to correspond with other parents concerning family issues and feminine preferences."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-P-M4408-K2684-72)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states and Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

VICKIE CARSON
(MI-P-M4599-K10092-74)
Bi WM TV, 42, lifelong TV. "Love to go out shopping in the day and dining and dancing in the evening. I would like to meet others who are interested in this culture. Please write. I will respond to all letters."

•CHRISTINE LYNN
(MI-P-M4879-K4510-71)
Member Crossroads. Hetero, 29, 5'11", 14, passable. Interested in fashion, shopping, makeup, dressing, travel. "Desire to meet an understanding/supportive woman for friendship/relationship. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Letter with photo will be answered with the same."

KIMBERLY S.
(MI-P-M4998-K10848-71)
32, hetero CD, 10. "Sincere lifetimer who possesses dignified feminine side. Future wife supports and participates. Willing to assist others, though constantly learning myself. Conservative and practical dresser, matches my personality. Will share tasteful experiences/photos with like-minded sisters."

SUZY D.
(MI-NP-M5154-K11385-74)
Member CrossRoads. Mid-forties, 5'6", 140. "Very feminine and passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would very much like to correspond with other sisters and gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!"

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-72)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal,wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-M5117-K11112-73)
43, MWM, 5'9", 155. Novice CD with bi-inclinations. "Blessed with naturally girlish figure. Interested/excited by feminine things since childhood. Finally exploring my femme self. Experiencing major case of gender euphoria. Thirsty for information on all aspects of feminine mystique. Need guidance and advice on creating my female persona. Eager to share ideas and photos."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-72)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 78, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (52 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

JANET LYNN
(WI-P-M2141-K2536-77)
MWM. "Have very understanding wife who says I look pretty good. Am interested in all who need help telling their Significant Others about their crossdressing. Am into travel, photography, and country music. Write if you need suggestions on how to tell your other half."

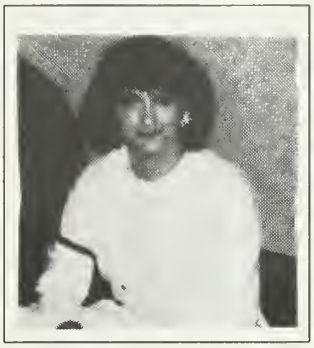
KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with

CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-74)
"There's more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond, be friends."

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-74)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

LINDA W.
(WI-M3330-K5758-71)
Attended Coming Together '92, Be All '93. 30ish, but 20ish, 5'6", 125, brn hair, green eyes, said to be Barbara Streisand double (but had my nose done). "Wild but conservative and stable individual wishing to be in contact with full-time post-op. Goal to establish support for common post-op concerns."



•JAMI B.
(WI-P-M3456-K7120-71)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. "Self-acceptance vs. self-doubt. Being open to life means letting go and vulnerability. The time is at hand to be a witness to the intricacy and profound beauty of creation. Devoted parent; faulty spouse; lover. Thankful for it all. Live, risk, write."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-77)
S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been crossdressing since age 4. Recently made some successful public outings. Would like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-71)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

LAURA B.
(WI-M4513-K5814-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Hetero CD, 165, 5'6", 41, blue eyes. "Like to share feelings with others, CDs or women, who understand. Wife knows, but it is hard for her to understand. Like to correspond with like-minded people."

GINA J.
(WI-NP-M4632-K10214-74)
"Tall, single and dedicated TG. Cherish the friends I've this past year through *Tapestry*. Enjoy building, volunteer work, witty conversations and shopping for clothes(!). Would love to hear from other TV/TSs and women who delight in warm HEARTS and the FEMININE MYSTIQUE."

WENDY RETLAW
(WI-M4745-K10492-71)
CD-oriented since teen. DWM, 51. Passion for hosiery, panties, bras. Other interests include golf, bike riding, computers, photography, reading. "Travel nation wide on business. MI, IN, IL, WI any weekend. Seeking TV/TSs for friendship, correspondence, dating. First-time subscriber. Discreet. answer all. Love photo."

STEPHANIE S.
(WI-NP-M4757-K10727-78)
DWM, 41, 5'10", 150. "Recently divorced. Finally coming out. Tired of suppressing Steffi. Need to experience life and express myself as possible as a female. Two lovely daughters. Wonderful girlfriend accepting and interested in participating. Intelligent, sensitive, N/S, humorist, sports enthusiast. Willing to meet, correspond. Travel to Chicago area."

ROBBIN S.
(WI-M4846-K9296-72)
SWM, 28, lifelong CD. "Would love to hear from all sisters, and possibly attend gender events together. Would also love helping other CD/TV/TSs raise money for their various 'special' needs. Ours is a very expensive lifestyle. Please write and send long SASE for immediate reply. We can make a difference together!"

HEATHER S.
(WI-M4975-K8816-72)
WM, 45, 5'10", 135. "Dress around the house and "I am

girlfriend's. Getting acquainted with community. Like swimming, sunning, shopping. 'Anybody out there' in Wisconsin? Business owner, student, father, tropical, adventure-bound."

RANDY D.
(WI-M5124-K11175-73)
DWM, mid-40s 5'7", 120. "Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodworking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TV/TS feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friends or more, and help coming out from F/TV/TS. Can entertain in my home. Photo appreciated."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

•JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. Like to express my femme side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

STEPHANIE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-71)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 24W, 42, full-figured bi-CD. "I've been dressing 30 years and love it! Desire small get-togethers with bi-CD and bi-males. Would love to correspond with Minn. CDs. Meet for coffee first? Discretion assured. Photo and phone if possible."

•VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-72)
Married CD, mid-40s. "Love my femininity and all it represents. Have written two serious books on crossdressing. Give educational presentations to college and professional groups. Interests include theology, psychology, music, correspondence with married couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture and, of course, opportunities for feminine expression."

MARY N.
(MN-P-M1740-K1903-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 150, blue eyed blonde. "Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in Twin Cities, but travel often."

KARIN A.
(MN-P-M2248-K2740-73)
Married CD, 40, supportive wife, monogamous, 5 children, Christian, professional musician, member CLCC. "Interested in meeting CD or TS with healthy outlooks and relationships in MN or western WI. Couples encouraged to write for support. Especially seek musician for possible gender music projects."

•DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-71)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, CD, 5'9", 12/14, mid-40s. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

COLLEGE STUDENTS
(MN-M4829-K6331-71)
Members of college LGBC interested in corresponding/chatting about transsexual and crossdressing theory, identity, support, etc.

STEVIE O.
(MN-M4914-K10867-71)
40, 6'2", 160, 16. Interested in old cars and gardens, frilly dresses and exotic lingerie. "Just divorced. Lifelong CD. Wish to correspond with other MN CDs. Pictures would be great."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

•BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-71)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. Seeking friends."

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8923-71)
Geographically isolated CD. Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde. Hetero, very passable, educated,retired professional. "Enjoy gardening, art, music, cooking, boating and sun-bathing. Friendly and sincere. Would really love to correspond with any and all other CD/TSs who enjoy living as their femme selves."

MONTANA (590- 599-)

JERI LYNN
(MT-P-M3808-K2030-72)
Lifetime feminist. Married. Mid-50s, 6', wife somewhat supportive. "Believe in total femininity or any feminist movement. Interested in meeting or corresponding with sisters that also believe in their femininity, no matter what their lifestyle may be. Anyone in the NW or Montana, let's be sisters together."

•JESSICA DIXON
(MT-P-M4839-K7135-71)
40, 5'10", 144. Interested in skiing, mountaineering, rock climbing, wind surf, computers, GIS, Physics. PhD in physics that has been a closet TV since adolescence. "Would like to interact socially as a woman more. Lack confidence to go out and mingle. Would like to meet other TVs to go out in society with. Hetero."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

•NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney,author.

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-72)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."

EVE B.
(IL-P-M0523-K1199-71)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach w/ Naomi O. to educate world about our lifestyle.

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-P-M0613-K1205-72)
President Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, past president CGS. Born 1952, 5'3". Hobbies are jogging, singing and writing. "I am so busy, I have become a terrible correspondent."

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-73)
MWM, 44, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but not supportive. "I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-72)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

JULIE M.
(IL-NP-M2936-K5012-76)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs/ladies who understand." Member Tri-Ess, 50, 5'8", 130, hetero, wife tolerant but

JACKIE V.
(IL-P-M3009-K5199-73)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Would like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars and outdoors. Self-employed, love to be en femme. Dress daily."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-73)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to ideas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples who are comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in midwest."

DIANE DEE DEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-71)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 155, MWM professional who also teaches, lectures, consults, etc. "Dressed in secret for 20 years going out some, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in '92 and have grown through its activities and new friends there. Pass well. Shop, dine, etc., as Diane with confidence. Sorry, not much of a correspondent."

•MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-72)
Mid-30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, heavy makeup, black lingerie, garter belts, stockings, jewelry, long nails, and hair. Like the slutty look. Like dominant GGs and TVs. Like to swap photos and videos. Answer all with real photo. Please be patient with me."

•RYTA CARLSON
(IL-P-M3563-K7869-73)
MWM TV with TS imagination. 12/15/52, 6', 170, hazel eyes. "Pass in public! I was shocked. Would love to meet and correspond with sisters nationwide. Design adventure tours. Have a passion for life and learning. Just getting started in community. Hi!"

MICHELLE JENNINGS
(IL-M4283-K5933-72)
"Pre-op TS, dressing 16 years, hormones 3+ years. 40, 5'10", 180. Still enjoy dates, conversation with men, women and groups. Phone, address photo get same."

HEDY H.
(IL-NP-M3569-K7483-72)
"Gaiety with an artful 'in-between'? Well, I'm slender, shapely, rather pretty, dress well. Just 143#, 5'7" in hose, 36D/14. Might go anywhere I need not speak. Want all in a dignified, cloistered liaison. Uncommon, jolly playmate near St. Louis preferred."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-P-M4148-K8938-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", married to supportive wife. "Am trying to become more active in the CD scene. Looking for CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing."

FAITH R. CARPENTER
(IL-P-M4960-K3867-72)
Lifetime CD, transgendered person, love computers, dressing, shopping, going out in public. "Desire correspondence with anyone of like interest. Marriage-minded and looking for soulmate. Women, lesbians, TV/TSs invited to reply. No straight males need respond. Bright Blessings, Love Faith. Also interested in the occult."

RITA D.
(IL-M4748-K10650-71)
CD, 28, 5'10" with very strong TS feelings. "Would like to correspond with and develop friendship with other TSs. Still coming out and feeling isolated and alone. Please write. Respond to all."

•MELISSA REED
(IL-P-M4267-K2011-71)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS, CIGA, StLGF. S TV, 40ish, 5'7", full figure and slimming. Many varied interests. "Will make first ventures out to meetings and socials this year to meet others and get more involved in the community. Will write as long as honesty and friendship prevail."

RENATE von FALKENBURG
(IL-NP-M4754-K10714-77)
Slim, leggy, passable TV/TS loves to correspond with same and mature gentlemen fascinated with sexy gals. "Gals, let's share experiences and exchange tips. Guys, I'm into heels, nylons and lingerie. Follow up with photos."

MONIQUE DUBOIS
(IL-P-M4904-K10856-71)
5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. "Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs and women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Write, include photo."

•MICHELLE KAY
(IL-P-M5021-K3447-73)
SW TV, 30s, 5'11". "I adore lingerie, stockings and heels. Love to primp and pose for the camera. Just starting to go out dressed. Would enjoy sharing correspondence, photos and fantasies with my beautiful transgendered sisters, interested men and GGs. I love being a girl! Send photo(s) to assure response."

LYNNE B.
(IL-M5000-K10964-72)
Member CGS. 5'9", 170, 52, DWM, bi-TG. "Work as male, 'live' as woman. Have known since I was four. Love cooking, baking, keeping house. Also music, reading, theater, some sports. Can travel when business allows. Love to hear from 40-70-year-old TG/TS or genetic woman. Would love warm, sincere relationship."

MISSOURI
(630- 658-)

•BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-72)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St. Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, and balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me–for sure–That's what friends are for . . . "

DENISE DEMAGNE
(MO-NP-M3225-K6234-74)
Member Tri-Ess, 50, 5'8", 130, hetero, wife tolerant but not supportive. "Interested in music, fashions, long distance running, antique autos, meeting other sisters. Recently out of closet, comfortable with my crossdressing. Value friendship, honesty, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers. Would like to correspond with and meet others in St. Louis area."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-P-M3958-K2970-73)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-74)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

VICKI SHERIDAN
(MO-P-M4208-K9491-72)
Member CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping and out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Just enjoy being a girl."

PATRICIA ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-74)
Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 31, 100% passable. "Living 75% of time as Trish. Would like to make friends with other TSs. Looking for long term friendships and support. Will answer all, so be patient. Photo gets photo in return."

R. C.
(MO-M4589-K9995-73)
Too damn big and too old,

hetero, 6'6", 255, 63. "I bought just one edition of *Tapestry* and learned more from it about myself than from all other books, magazines, etc. If I could just talk to another crossdresser, it might help me learn a lot more. I am too old, too big for anything but the closet."

•CHERYL ANN L.
(MO-P-M5009-K3233-72)
DW 33, 5'7", Taurus, passable M-F TG and healthy TS future. Open-minded, down-to-earth half French half German import. Enjoy cooking, music, cycling, alternative lifestyles and all Mother Nature has to offer in Genderland. "Wish to correspond in St Louis or KC and surrounding areas. Let's talk!"

KANSAS
(660- 679-)

•EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-76)
"Tall, well cducated, very passable TG interested in meeting others and sharing resource information. Open, understanding,helpful to others traveling the same path."

CHERYL ANN BRADLEY
(KS-NP-M3667-K7958-73)
"Friendly, understanding, discreet, married CD, 40s. Supportive of all that is transgendered. Travel to Wichita, Kansas and SE Missouri. Love music, dancing, conversation, honest people. Your photo/letter gets mine."

RITA RESTIVO
(KS-P-M4502-K9736-72)
SWM, 6', 180, professional, cnjoys workouts, bike riding, swimming. Collects antiques, vintage clothing,sexy lingerie. "Would like to correspond/ meet other attractive single CDs 30-45 years in K.C.area for photo sessions, dates."

•SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-74)
Member Wichita Gender Alliance. DWM, 48, 5'8", 175, 18. Lifetime CD. "Carpenter into remodelling, electronics, cooking, baking, love good music and crosswords. Goal, to live as a woman. Sisters in community have helped tremendously in self-acceptance. Love to hear from, meet other sisters for support, friendship. Will answer all. Love y'all!"

NEBRASKA
(680- 693-)

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-NP-M1655-K1347-74)
"Blew the closet doors off this May. Attending the Texas T Party and SPICE in 1995. Supportive wife and family. Am signed up for the Big Sister program in Tri-Ess. Am waiting to help my first little sister. My wife would like to help other wives who are having trouble with their husband's dressing."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-74)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

JANELLE L
(NE-M2958-K5055-78)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, nonsmoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

MELISSA JEAN H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-72)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, golf, fishing. "This flower seems a slow bloomer. Opening under the limitations of country life. Like to hear from sisters, any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

MELISSA SUE D.
(NE-NP-M5161-K11392-73)
SWM, early 30s, TV with TS tendencies. "Love to dress and be dressed in anything feminine. Would love to meet and get dressed with any sisters in my area. Please contact me and we could do the Grand Illusion."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

•LISA HART
(LA-P-M1717-K1348-71)
Single TV, 41, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others comfortable with their female personae."

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-72)
Member Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, and would welcome corresponding with them."

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENÉE F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-72)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

JANA H.
(S AR-P-M2042-K2442-72)
"Let's talk! Into dressing 12 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possible meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!"

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-74)
Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. So-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interests in outdoors, nature, homemaking, CD & TS. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-P-M4204-K7024-71)
A lady of a certain age, 5'11", 178. Loves high heels and dressy clothes. Enjoys dressing up and going to dinner with sisters. Interested in classical music, musical theater, literature, history and computers. E-mail welcome. Send E-mail via Internet, to: gee@regentdb.osrhe.edu."

ARLENE L.
(OK-M4664-K10321-74)
Pre-op TS, 48, 5'10", 180. "Family knows but nonsupportive. Passable, architect, boss knows, co-workers do not. Crossdressing since childhood. Divorced, two loving children. On hormones. Away from work Ilive as Arlene in my apartment. Seek other TSs for friendship. Quiet,sincere,passive,loving."

TEXAS (750- 799-)

RENÉ FENNER
(TX-P-M0989-K1401-71)
Vice President GCTC 1994. Early 60s, out of closet 15 years. Comfortable going most anywhere as René. Always trying to improve feminine image. Hobbies include amateur radio and fishing. Member Tri-Ess. Attended all Texas T Parties, Coming Together '87, '92, California Dreamin' '93. Interested in corresponding with those who share common interests.

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-72)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coordinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are committed to integrating crossdressing&family values.

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-NP-M1254-K1408-73)
"TV who has just entered her 40s. I'm about 5'9" and 170. Just love my time dressed and made up as a woman. Love to meet and correspond with other TVs. Off lots of

days for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc."

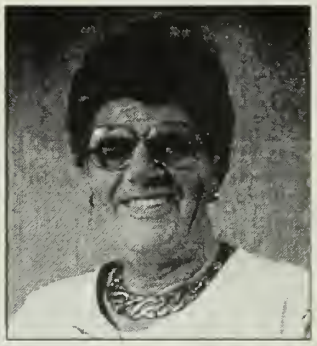
DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-M1734-K1897-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 40-something widower. Fanatic skier/racer, widely traveled, enjoying my 2nd childhood.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-71)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero crossdresser living with accepting lady who participates in club events. "Designed,built my house. Rebuilt '57 Chevy Nomad, '66 Nova, 1800ES Volvo."

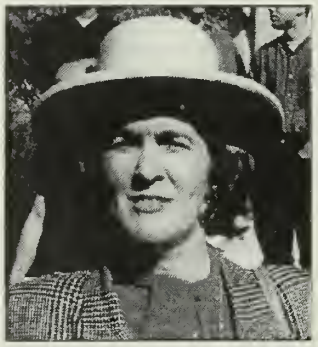
BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-73)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-73)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspond."

RIKKI SCOTT
(S TX-P-M2201-K2649-73)
Lifelong crossdresser and college prof. "I am doing continuing research into the childhood and family backgrounds of TV and TS. I would like to hear from you about your early experiences with crossdressing."



DANIELLE M.
(S TX-P-M2691-K4242-73)
MWM, college educated, semi-retired, 5'11", proportional weight. "Solo friendship/companionship sought with discreet responsible 40+ professional person. Strong interest in CD/IFGE activities. Gentle quest, non-pressuring attitude. Drug-free, smoking OK. Good health and attitude. Corpus Christi, Texas area only. Pluses would include walking, aerobics, swimming, fishing, occasional golf."



PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Come out, come out! You are an okay person. Don't put up with guilt, shame and lies."

OLIVIA GUTIERREZ
(TX-M3065-K5783-73)
"Lifelong TV. 40ish with supportive wife. Broadcast engineer, private pilot, published writer. Enjoy travel and discussions about engineering, flying, martial arts, music, etc. Let's trade stories."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-NP-M3112-K5688-73)
"I have a very supportive wife. We enjoy the feminine side of my personality. I just adore: women, lingerie, lace, crinoline petticoats, victorian corsets, and vintage apparel. Hobbies include travel, photography, cultural activities, and helping sisters. Have a busy life, but will correspond and exchange photos, clippings of interesting articles."

SUSAN SHAW
(TX-P-M3174-K6055-73)
SW TV 37, 5'10", 155, brown/blue. "Seeking long term relationship. Dress everyday and want to now transform into a beautiful woman forever. I love all things in life and want to come out and share all with a very special person. Am very loving and will make someone a perfect wife. Write!"

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-71)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DEBBIE HAHN
(TX-M3201-K6201-72)
Attended '91, '94, '95 T Party. "Loving, understanding, and participating wife, but lived the dark side—ugly divorce with blackmail. Love dressing and makeup. Prefer hot and sexy look. Witty, funny, adventurous and smart! Love to write, published in *Femme Mirror*. Drop us a line. I answer all."

JOYCE DIANE C.
(TX-P-M3272-K6417-71)
Attended Texas T Party. 5'8", 150, 33, TV/DQ that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life through modeling for photography sessions. Musician/writer. I look forward to hearing from you."

CATANJA LYNN IRWIN
(TX-M3577-K7563-72)
Member TATS and GCTC. TS wishes to contact anyone who has had good surgical treatment in Mexico. Simple castration sought.

JERI B.
(TX-P-M3626-K7750-72)
5'10", 155, brown/brown. "Like to dress just for the fun of it. Love nice clothes. Strictly hetero. Would like to communicate with others, especially in western Texas. Photo, please."

CHERYL L. BOLEN
(TX-P-M3629-K7747-71)
"Member of gender transition program as a TS. On hormones 8 months and enjoying the changes. 52, blue eyes, trim and proportionate to me 5'15" height. Tall Texas lady is artistic, educated professional, and interested in dating understanding men."

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-72)
Single, 30s, 5'7", blonde, blue, hormones since 7/1/92. Down to earth, loves animals, cooking, jazz to classical music, intimate conversation, good friends, helping others. Recently moved to the Rio Grande Valley in search of a life and a stable relationship. Miss farm and country life. "Where are the Valley Girls?"

JEAN G.
(TX-M3421-K6856-71)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles from *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY
(TX-M3818-K6221-72)
Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

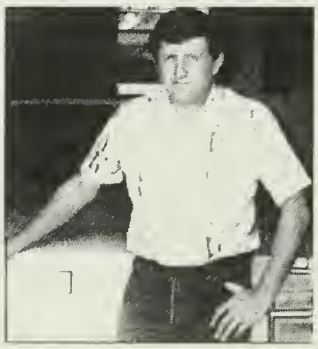
KIMBERLY-BLAIR S.
(TX-P-M4178-K1091-71)
5'9", 135, sophisticated TV/TS? "Looking for a sincere gentleman 35-40 who can make dreams come true. If you enjoy candle light, evenings by the fire, and romantic walks, then just maybe, both our dreams can come true! Photo appreciated."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-71)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter and photo.

KAREN MITCHELL
(TX-M4403-K8758-72)
SWM, 5'7", 175, long-term CD. Attended Texas T Party 1993. "Interested in meeting and corresponding with other gender people. Photos with letters appreciated."

TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-NP-M4460-K9001-73)
5'9", 165, 31. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Photo gets my letter."

LINDA B.
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-73)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, or anyone. I can offer my experience and support. I believe we are all very special! Please write."



JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-73)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. "Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."

R.W.
(TX-M4790-K10551-79)
"Royal ship of the line and a bikini on you. Please write."

MONICA ROBERTS
(TX-M4891-K10827-71)
Member GCTC. 6'2", 185, 5/4/62, blk TV/TS on hormones. College educated. Can travel easily to other parts of US. Interests are military board games, history, all things female. "Wish to meet and form friendships with other TV/TS, especially my African-American sisters and understanding females. Will write all who respond."

ALICIA G.
(TX-NP-M4692-K10379-74)
Married CD, 43, member GCTC and Tri-Ess. "Attended my first convention this year (Be All '94) and looking forward to attending more. Enjoy cooking, shopping and computers. Active on AOL and Compuserve. Want to make friendships with others in community."

BRITTA STONE
(TX-P-M4773-K9846-71)
Serious TS. Hormones, electrolysis, long hair (it's mine)—everything but the operation. 5'10", 135, 30-something. Sense of humor, great smile (which photo fails to show), sultry (which it does), athletic, educated. "Love to samba!"

JESSICA W.
(TX-M4991-K7670-71)
Transgendered member of SIS. "I have a man in my life. I'm interested in friendship with other TS/TG individuals. Am on hormones. Love my female persona. Write."

SARA CHRISTY S.
(TX-M4995-K10844-72)
Pre-op M-F, recently started female hormones, in process of legally changing all personal records to female with new name. Currently undergoing TS therapy. Have understanding family. Have joined local TS support group. Would appreciate advice regarding transition period. Love to write. Please let me hear from you."

KIM B.
(TX-NP-M5065-K4099-72)
"Passable, hetero, married CD, mid-40s, 5'7", 155, nonsmoker. Degreed professional. Ventured out dressed numerous times. Looking for friends in Houston area to go shopping, antiquing, etc. Look and act younger than my age. Natural blonde, blue eyes. Photo gets mine."

DIANA S.
(TX-NP-M5103-K11073-73)
"Stranger things have happened. OK, maybe not. SWM, hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 185, Christian, Republican. Seeking compatible female 20-33 for friendship and possibly LTR. Enjoy photography, mountains, quiet evenings, good movies and dressing up. Want to find someone understanding and supportive. Photo please."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-72)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

ANNDREA DANIELS
(CO-P-M3726-K5545-76)
Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92, Esprit '93 and IFGE '94. WM CD/FI, mid30s, 5'7", 145, blonde/blue. Interests: doing FI shows, enjoy a wide variety of music, restauranting, swimming and skiing. "Can be a lousy correspondent, but am trying to get better. Like

shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

MARLA B.
(CO-P-M4263-K5352-71)
Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; GIC Colorado; Compuserve ABFH; GEnie Girl; AOL. SWM, hetero, bi-gendered TV. Software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businesswoman, engineer and philosopher. "Enjoy dining, shows, music and sports. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting and corresponding with others."

NANCY JANE S.
(CO-M4453-K9490-72)
SW TG/TS tendencies. 45, very passable, ladylike, sissified and petticoated, passive, quiet. Likes dating men. Women friends. Desires FT situation with right man or woman. "Would love to hear from TS, men, women for friendship. Can travel. Let's have fun. SW CO."

PAT ARMSTRONG
(CO-NP-M4522-K5164-73)
Married hetero CD. Wife does not participate. On hormones. Pass, Interested in perfecting voice.

KELLY F.
(CO-P-M4980-K9261-72)
S BiWM TV, 5'8", 140, 10. Psychotherapist and professional musician. "I enjoy travel, cooking, skiing and Yoga/meditation. Love dressing up. Would like to meet other TV/TSs in my area."

WYOMING
(820- 831-)

PAT F.
(WY-P-M3576-K7562-72)
Native American SCD with TS feelings. 5'7", 147, brown eyes, black/gray hair. "Taking care of brother in wheel chair limits time for hobbies and dressing up. My wardrobe and I are still in closet. Willing to exchange photos, phone numbers, letters with anyone who is interested."

MARILYN MIRACLE
(WY-P-M4555-K7857-77)
Married, loving wife and family, hetero CD, 60s, physician, closeted. Pausing to reflect on what all this means. Writer, teacher, computer literate, large library, many interests. "Welcome e-mail. CompuServe: 72440,2420. Please write. Eager for friends who crossdress and value their feminine persona. Help me learn. I can help you."

IDAHO
(832- 838-)

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-72)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "Like to hear from other sisters who are not afraid to step out of the closet, go shopping at the mall, for groceries, in stores..."

BARBARA NEWMAN
(ID-P-M4354-K9249-72)
Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, football card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

UTAH
(840- 847-)

MARY ANN L.
(UT-P-M2120-K1458-71)
Participant: Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, IFGE, Holiday En Femme. DW, TV/TG, 36, 5'3", 155. "Fairly passable. Would love to hear from people in the SLC and Utah area. Would like to develop friendships with women who find TGs fascinating."

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-74)
34 D/W/CD/TV/TS/? "Am very interested in corresponding/meeting others. I'm interested in music, shopping, outdoors and comedy clubs. I've started accepting myself

as I am. Would like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

KANDEÉ STORRS
(UT-P-M2726-K4384-76)
DWM, straight, 41, 5'10", 180. RCGSE (International Court System) Board. Enjoys performing, raising $$ to fight AIDS, recreational crossdressing. Rhonda Shear wannabe. Wishes to meet others (male or female) with similar interests.

DESTINY D.
(UT-NP-M4247-K9545-76)
Single pre-op TS, 34, 5'5", 125. Hormones since 1/93. "Extensive electrolysis. Adjusting slowly to female lifestyle. Going through the ultra-feminist, 'Men are scum' phase. Would like to meet with a local support group and hear from other TSs/ Love the outdoors, F1 shows and rainy days."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-74)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, blonde hair, enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-72)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. Passion for heels, hose, lingerie. Like to correspond with sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-72)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Interested in art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet/ write passable CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere. Not interested in men!"

RASHEL R.
(AZ-NP-M4084-K8769-74)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Single, hetero CD. President Alpha Zeta, 1994. Attended California Dreamin' '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '93. "Love to network with serious sisters, e-mail 72142, 1570. Out of the closet, out on the town and enjoying life, clubbing, sisterhood and being me."

KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-P-M4269-K0263-71)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy going to clubs and other public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

REBECCA B.
(AZ-NP-M4791-K1362-78)
Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. "Love being feminine. I am retired, 5'10", 210. I dress anytime. I work with wood and design SW style furniture. I like shopping and meeting other TV/CDs. Will write to all and send a picture to all who write to me."

J.B.
(AZ-M4888-K8301-72)
Phoenix area. Single, never married, 43 yr-old male seeks ultra-feminine early stage pre-op for monogamous, disease-free relationship.

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

•RITA CLARKE
(NM-P-M4819-K7743-71)
MWM, 43, I95, TV with TS tendencies. "Enjoy conversation, movies, music, travel, and helping other TVs. Lifelong TV. I love everything that it takes to be a female. Would like to help others for it's a great life to be feminine

side that closet. Slow, but will answer. Let's trade photos."

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-71)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

DEBRA NICHOL K.
(NM-M4789-K1292-71)
Gentle TV interested in meeting similar minded girls or boys in the northern state (LA-SF) area who are tired of the macho scene. 47, 12, learning how to pass. "Let's get acquainted."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

DENISE H.
(NV-M3741-K8199-77)
MWM, 51, 6'0", 185, CD/TV. Wife very supportive. Member Crossroads in MI. "Just retired and relocated to Las Vegas. Seeking group or couples who enjoy the CD/TV life. Have enjoyed socials, Be Alls, outreach to individuals/groups/classes and developing supportive materials! Looking for correspondence/meetings in NV area."

KENSI
(NV-NP-M5011-K2954-72)
"Would like to meet other TVs in the Las Vegas area."

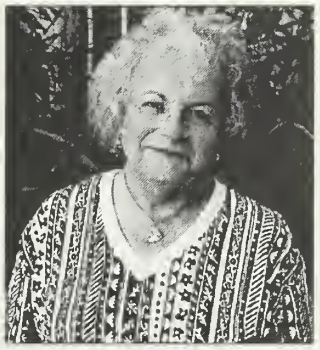
BRIANNE B.
(NV-M2681-K4276-71)
TS, 5'8", 130, brown hair, eyes. Interested in computers, business electronics, women's fashions. "I love being a woman and a lady. I'm looking for a support group in the Las Vegas area, or someone I can talk to."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

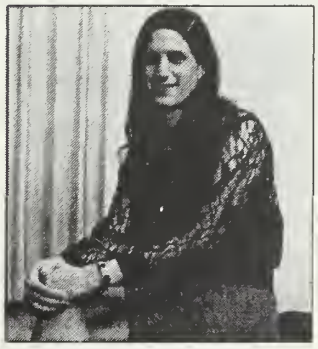
ELIZABETH C. JOHNSON
(CA-P-M1030-K1527-71)
30-something, post-op engineer. "Enjoy gardening, cooking, music, mall hopping, fashion, UFO searching, electronic designing and redesigning professional television systems. Daytime television soap fanatic (*The Young and the Restless*). In the southern 'Rock n Roll' California area."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-72)
"I am a member of the Alpha and Tri Chi Chapters of Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Atlanta, California Dreamin', Pajaro Dunes, Lake Tahoe events. 61, work full time, play a lot of tennis. Currently single."

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-72)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."



LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-72)
"A senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from male to female would love to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient soft feminine shoulder."



SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(CA-P-M1472-K7809-73)
Single bi M-F TG, 34, 6'0", electrolysis nearly complete. "PhD research (in embryology) keeps me too busy for pen-pals, not too busy for dates. Attractive, relaxed non-smokers, SF Bay Area for movies, conversation,..."

KAREN R.
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-72)
Member Neutral Corner. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93; California Dreamin' '94. "I write comedy for the community, ideas appreciated. If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable with and about yourself, I'd love to hear from you!"

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-78)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but my self confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding with others. Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated.""

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-72)
TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman most of my life, except for one year (last). Starting to live as a female again."

•DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-71)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 47 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 6 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-71)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Love correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for faster response."

•RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-71)
Member ETVC, RGA, DVG. 55 TV. Tolerant wife, family. "Active in many groups, but enjoy going out doing regular activities dressed best of all. Pass well. Dress conservatively and often. Would love to go to work en femme. Actually, my wardrobe is 80% female. Me, too! Grin!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-72)
39, 5'10", 165, size 14/16. "Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shopping, cooking, computers, photography,and anything feminine.Photo appreciated."

TOM W.
(N-CA-M2637-K4185-72)
49, 5'10", 220, brn/wht. N/S, N/D and rarely drink. "I'm a WM who will escort feminine passable ladies on outings, etc. Have many interests. If you would like to meet a nice guy who will treat you like a lady, I would love to hear from you."

LISA ANN MAXWELL
(CA-P-M1965-K2133-72)
Member ETVC, RGA, Northern CA. MWM, 39, 5'8", 145, 10, DWM. "Attractive, effervescent. I love life, all its changes. Closet door is forever lost. Reasonably passable. I love my toddler son, just being Lisa, dancing, gardening, shopping. I tend to be an adventuress. Revel in emotions, intimacy. Be who you are, time is life."

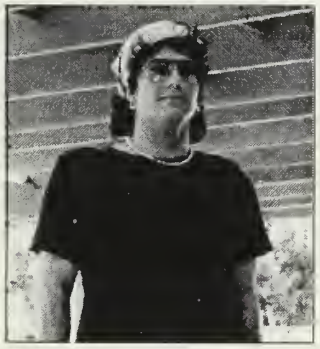
MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-NP-M2099-K1518-73)
"White TV enjoys meeting people who have the same interests and that enjoy going out and having fun. I travel extensively and love meeting people and visiting other groups. I am presently very involved in the community and very much enjoy helping those who are looking for information or help.

CAROL LEE
(CA-M2798-K4622-72)
Middle-aged Oriental heterosexual TV. Non-smoker. "Enjoy photography and dressing up to go shopping or to the movies. Enjoy soft, tasteful feminine clothes to blend in well with the occasion. Interested in meeting others with similar taste."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-NP-M2350-K3063-74)
Member ETVC, DVG. "Life is short, art is long. I am a redheaded feminine TV, stylish, imaginative, artistic with an affection for vampish darkside things. Open to sharing this love of the androgynous illusion as an art form with genuine individuals through letters, images and whatever life allows."

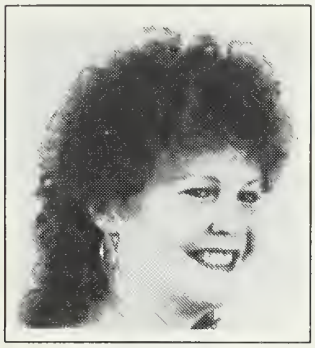
LORI CALLWAY
(SW CA-P-M2586-K3755-71)
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, '60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

•BOB DAVIS
(N CA-P-M2620-K1631-72)
"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."



KRIS M.
(C CA-P-M2713-K4340-71)
CD, 35, 5'8", brown hair/eyes. "Sensitive and caring. Love everything feminine. Crossdressing since age 5. Will correspond to anyone who shares an interest in being feminine. Would appreciate letters, photos. Thanks."

PATTI PIERCE
(CA-P-M2799-K4649-72)
Member Born Free and several other local groups. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, ham radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Love pierced ears. Out in public five years and enjoy each new adventure. Your picture guarantees a reply."

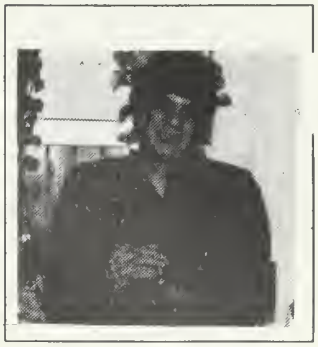


•LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-72)
Member ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

•CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-P-M2934-K4993-73)
35, 6', hazel eyes, red hair. Interested in computers, correspondence and fiction. "Please write, I will respond eventually."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-73)
"I've been a very busy student and don't have time to correspond anymore. My apologies to those who have written and haven't received a reply. When I complete my degree Am once again interested in correspondence."

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-73)
MWM, 40+ hetero. Lifelong CD. "Wife has observed and assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. I have been away for awhile, seeking pen-gals for better understanding."



•JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-73)
"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Would love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *TV*

Guise - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

CHARLENE HUNTER
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-71)
Member ETVC, DVG, NWGA. Post-op TS, 55, 5'11", 162. "Enjoying life in N CA wine country. Non-smoker, hazel eyes, auburn hair. Caring person. Interested in travel, vintage autos, C & W music, sewing, gardening, make some of my own clothes. Looking for sincere friendship with open-minded individual leading to possible relationship."

•KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-71)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

DALE C.
(CA-M3597-K7625-72)
Member ETVC. TG, 41, on hormones, M-F. Interests include music, baseball, outdoors. "Interested in meeting others who consider themselves TS. Also to meet supportive women."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-71)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

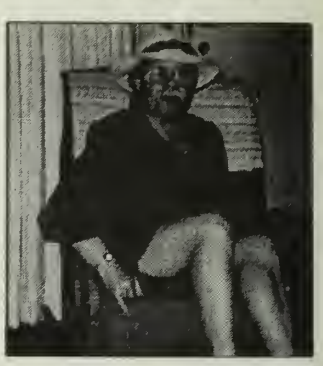
BOBBI B.
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-72)
Tri-Ess/Androgyny/California Dreamin'/Texas T. "Accepting wife. Tall, late 50s. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, hot, playful, sexy. Actress. Loves mini-skirts, heels, modeling—to dance/play/shopping/clubs with new sisters. Just starting, but on fast track. Ooh, I just love it all. West LA area."

•PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-72)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Would like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

RACHEL B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-72)
SWM, 45, 5'7", 125, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Lifelong TV but still in closet trying to get out. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Wish to meet and correspond with other sincere, discreet *Tapestry* subscribers."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-78)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encouraged with contacts with sisters."

PAMELA A. MILLER
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-71)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently came out. Wow! Please write."



MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-74)
"Like to meet Cds in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. Been dressing up for 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone or meet."

LYNDA CLARE MERCY
(CA-NP-M4210-K7303-71)
RAVENUS Wild Music Songstress! INTERNET UNDERGROUND MUSIC ARCHIVE via web - http://www.iuma.com/band-html/Ravenus.html via FTP-ftp.iuma.com_music/Ravenus Yesus - Joyus - Godus - Love - Peace - Pleasure - Fun - Laughter - Life - Later!

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-72)
San Diego area member Neutral Corner. SWM, 55, 5'10", 180, grad. degree, unshockable, 14/16, big wardrobe, world traveler, computers, writer, Spanish bilingual speaker. Dress all the time. Very spiritual, metaphysical. Travel widely in the US.

JOANNA NICHOLS
(CA-P-M4727-K10454-74)
"Single white part-time TV, 31, wants to become full time TS. Starting hormones and willing to have breast implants, etc. I am looking to meet anyone who can help me transform into a passable lady. Live-in possible/preferred. Can relocate. Ready to come out with your guidance. Love Joanna."

DIANA McGINNIS
(CA-NP-M4741-K10489-74)
SW pre-op M-F TS. Member DVG. 48, 5'11", 135, 10/12. "Family supportive, but in midwest. Would like to meet GG/CD/TG/TV/TSs locally for shopping, movies, dinner, enjoying music, talking, taking photos."

BRENDA D.
(CA-P-M5023-K8491-72)
MWM CD. "Would love to hear from other sisters. I have an understanding and supportive wife. I love the feel of stockings over shaved legs, taste of lipstick, silkiness of panties, cool breeze up my short skirt. What do you like? Write to me and tell me."

CAROLYN A. JOVEL
(CA-NP-M5048-K6905-72)
5'10", 190, brown hair, brown eyes. "Interested in computers (on Compuserve) and everything feminine. Wish to meet honest and sincere TV/TS for shopping trips and outings. Enjoy hiking, concerts, fine dining and movies. Will respond to all with photo. Prefer Monterey Bay/San Jose areas."

HAWAII ISLANDS (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-P-M2180-K2598-73)
President Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Crossliving TG. "Will correspond with people planning to visit Hawaii, people interested in our group or group formation elsewhere, and people interested in real estate or who are in the real estate business."

•SHERI THOMAS
(HI-P-M4862-K6291-71)
42, 5'9". "Crossdressing since childhood. Passable. Have TS inclinations. Adore everything feminine. Would love to take hormones and live full-time as a woman. But, still in closet. Play guitar. Interested in music (rock and classical) and art."

OREGON (970- 979-)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-71)
42, 5'10", 165, still in closet. "Wife knows and is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Like traveling in Oregon and most outdoor activities. Love lingerie and TV fiction books, have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

JAN C.
(OR-M3514-K7221-74)
MWM, 60+. Computer nut. Interested in dressing and easy listening music. "Travel monthly across US. Wife non-supportive. Need someone to talk to and learn from. Will write all promptly. Want to meet other CDs."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-72)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

HEATHER B.
(OR-NP-M4689-K9843-74)
Tall MW TV, sincere, honest, friendly. "Thoroughly enjoy being Heather and her male counterpart. Interests include books, history (military, Scandinavian,

can), reading, sci-fi, music, shopping, and all things feminine. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive. Looking forward to corresponding with other TG sisters from all over. Will answer all."

MICHAEL/MICHELLE T.
(OR-M4211-K9494-71)
33, SBM, TV, 5'9", 151. "Fun, sensitive, sincere, and attractive. Enjoy a full feminine figure. Love *all* things feminine! Have enjoyed crossdressing in the closet all my life. I'm coming out! Would love to have many, many girlfriends. No picture, yet. Looking to meet like-minded people in Portland area for sharing, support."

RANAE DEAN
(OR-M4883-K10051-72)
DWM, 44, 5'10", 145, brown hair and eyes. Interested in the outdoors, reading and camping, expressing my feminine side. "Love to meet or write to understanding people to help me reveal my feminine side. Want to attend a convention, but too shy and unsure of my femininity."

AMY KATSUMI S.
(OR-P-M4910-K10861-72)
CD since childhood. Recently returning from long hiatus. Hetero, 39, 5'9", 140. "Wife reluctantly tolerant. Masc. side loves computers, sci-fi, Japanese animation. Femme side creates art work, poetry—loves to shop. Looking for ways to pass."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

•SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-71)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

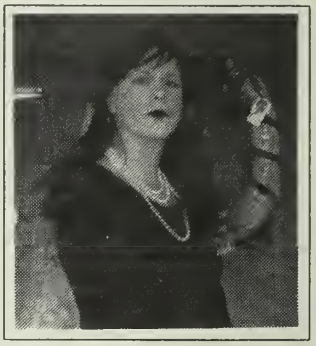
JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-72)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun."

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-M0258-K0560-75)
Member NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting new sisters. "Have supportive SO. Lifelong CD. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers and CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-72)
"Pre-op TS, living full-time for over a year. Interested in collecting dolls, sewing, calligraphy, model railroading and stamps. Enjoy my new life as a woman. Will answer all letters."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-73)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write occasionally to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-71)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."



•GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-71)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my femme self."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-73)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to opera), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

ANNE L.
(WA-M5027-K9023-73)
Member Emerald City. 44, 5'11", 155. Non-supportive spouse. Interests include art, dance, digital photography. "Wish to meet other TGs in Seattle area, major west coast cities, Chicago, NYC, for friendship and travel. Wish

to correspond, share experiences with other professionals attempting gradual transition through androgyny."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

SUZANNE TAYLOR (AK-M2422-K3304-75)

Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes of blue, 140. "Just attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there in Atlanta in '95! A special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, Stephanie for making my first a great time!"

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY (AK-P-M3314-K6591-71)

Member Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. supportive wife and grown and gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar and flute. "Spend all my non-work time as a woman, and go out a lot. Love to communicate. Please write. Photo appreciated."

STEPHANIE MARIE LOLLI (AK-M4588-K-73)

31, 6'0", 175. "Dressing since childhood and enjoy the life as Stephanie every chance. Enjoy movies, radio programs, long walks, dining out and entertaining. Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters and women interested in CD/TV. Passable in public. All letters answered. Photo upon yours."

CANADA

ROBYN V. (CAN-P-M2449-K3392-74)

Member of Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, and Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, 50, married, family, living in southeastern Ontario. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and boating. "Love to shop, dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa and other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated."

STACEY M. (CAN-P-M2740-K4423-71)

Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open and public. Passing not an issue. Presentability and decorum important. Using dressing for personal growth of self."

•KAREN FOX (CAN-P-M3140-K5888-77)

Fantasia Fair veteran since '92. Interested in computers, comic books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a cross-dresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feeling of silky stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed walking outside with the cool air as Karen during my visits to Provincetown during Fantasia Fair."

•ERICA JAYNE R. (CAN-P-M3323-K6583-74)

Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo/phone appreciated."

ANGEL RICHARDS (CAN-M3715-K8046-72)

"Hi, my name is Angel and I'd love to hear from other TV/TSs, especially those in my area. I'm interested in corresponding with other amateur artists, and I like cooking, makeup, and other female-lifestyle things."

JENNIFER BLAKE (CAN-P-M3385-K6790-71)

Married, 29, very supportive wife, passable, love shopping as a female. "Love to write about my adventures in detail. Have written multiple part fantasy stories. Married 1990 en femme, with gown and ensemble. Love prom, bridesmaid and bridal fashions. Would love to hear from sisters everywhere. Promise prompt response to all."

MICHELLE M. (CAN-P-M3475-K7228-75)

Member Boulton and Park. 5'8", 22W, motivated, self-employed entrepreneur, supportive wife, certified electrologist. Interested in self-improvement, sewing, helping other CDs out of closet. "Looking for other CDs for social gatherings, Toronto to Oshawa area, away from radical Downtown Scene. Life's too short to just stay alone at home." thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come!

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-72)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93, '94. Post-op W female, 5'9", 160, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Seek long term relationship with F-M post-op or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Founder of TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

MICHELLE E.
(CAN-M4564-K9891-73)
"Attractive hetero TV, 34, 6', 12/14. Divorced, honest, sincere, open minded. Seek supportive friends. Ultimately lonely for understanding genetic women (like Orientals). Enjoy swimming, mechanics, mountains, photography, modeling as a woman. Passable, but still in the closet. Need opportunities to be P/T woman, date genetic women, TSs . . . "

ROBYNN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-P-M4455-K3419-73)
S, bi TV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek correspondents sharing support, feelings, and emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Please write, I'll answer!"

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-73)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. "Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted."

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-77)
"Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TG/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help and support. Please, no sex letters."

JAMES G.
(CAN-M4685-K10367-71)
Single genetic male in 60s very interested in all transsexuals and androgynes. "Would like to correspond with a M-F and F-M TS (especially the latter, and post-op). Must be willing to share experiences. Also would like to correspond with genetic females. Only TS, androgynes and genetic females, please write."

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-NP-M4787-K2066-75)
Bi-pre-op TS, 30s, member Xpressions (Toronto). Cross-live P/T. 6', size 16, seek new job, very public, hormones upgraded, 75% through electrolysis. Love music, laughter, sensuality, travel. Frustrated by estranged family/close friends. Feel fulfillment and self realization. Love career girl/party looks. Dream of Platonic mentor for career."

JANET C.
(CAN-P-M4855-K7328-71)
"Love buying new music, shopping, and the pursuit of beauty and freedom. Respect and admire women. Dreaming of being a bride. Best of luck, girls, in living your life the way you want."

MEXICO

KATARINA B.
(MEX-P-M4183-K6444-71)
27-year-old TS about 5'7", brown eyes, black hair. Interests include *STAR TREK*, Sci-Fi, literature, movies, winter sports, computers (networks). "Just starting to go out. Active in some computer networks. Currently trying to write sci-fi novel with a TS protagonist. Would welcome all correspondence."

ANGELA LOPEZ
(MEX-P-M4462-K7626-72)
TS 38, 5'7", 155. "Just beginning transition, on hormones. Married, two children. Living as a male for awhile. Want to exchange opinions with other married TSs. Don't know how to handle my problem with wife and children. Trying to join/form a TV/TS group anywhere in Mexico for support. Am alone in Mexico."

BRAZIL

RICK G.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-73)
Member Rose's (*Repartee*). WSM 5'7", 150, 29 years

old. "I would like to make friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. Write."

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOT-P-M2791-K4526-72)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, divorced, 63 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt* and run a gender helpline. I'm a conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns."

EUROPE

MICHÉLE T.
(FRA-NP-M5112-K11085-73)
French, brown hair, thin, visit USA once each year. "Love to feel like a girl. Crossdress as much as possible. Want to meet CD, men, or women, hetero and bi to walk down the street, dance in a bar, etc. Send photo. See you soon."

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GER-P-M3050-K5626-73)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

EVA K.
(GER-M3749-K6460-72)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

AMANDA Q.
(GER-P-M4252-K9420-72)
Member Rose's (Repartee). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

HEIKE S. SPREITZER
(GER-M5054-K6501-72)
Member of Transidentitas e.V. IS/TS/Lesbian. "Especially interested in the anthropological and cognitive aspects of *gender,* especially the *berdache* of native cultures. Would like to correspond with others with similar personal background and/or interests."

GWEN M.
(GER-NP-M5159-K11305-73)
Hetero CD, 32. "Interested in photography, music, fashion and feminism. Want to share experience and photos. Will be in Chicago area in the fall and would like to meet some sisters, TS/CD/GG."

BARBARA D.
(BELG-P-M4568-K9925-73)
MWM, 6'2", Member Rose's, 31, hetero TV. Interested in music, photography and computers (active on BBSs). "Busy professional, but will always try to find time to answer your letters or meet and even accommodate if you travel to Belgium."

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUST-M2774-K4604-72)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

JENNY SAND
(NOR-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-73)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

KYM AYRES
(AUS-P-M4559-K9888-73)
Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, 61, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Interested in arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive wife. "Would like to correspond with other crossdressers."

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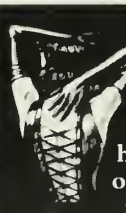

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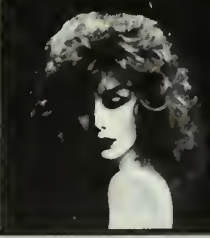

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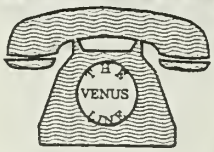

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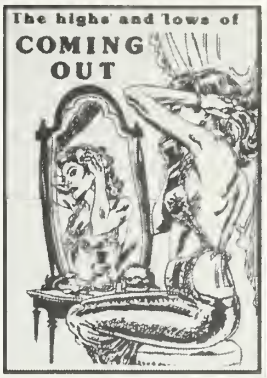

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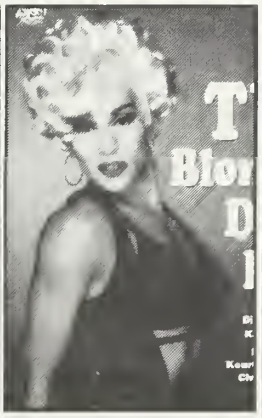

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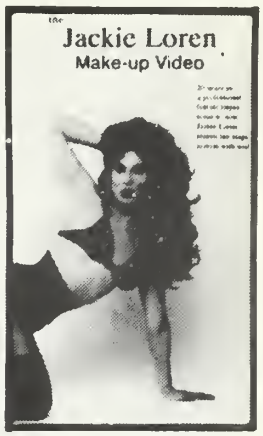

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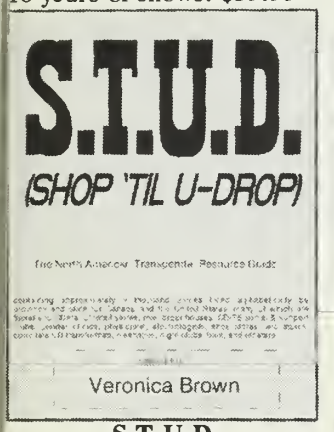

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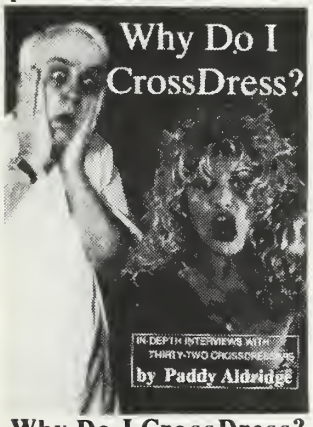

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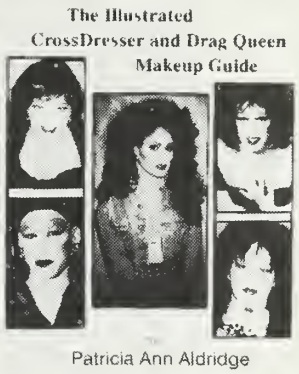

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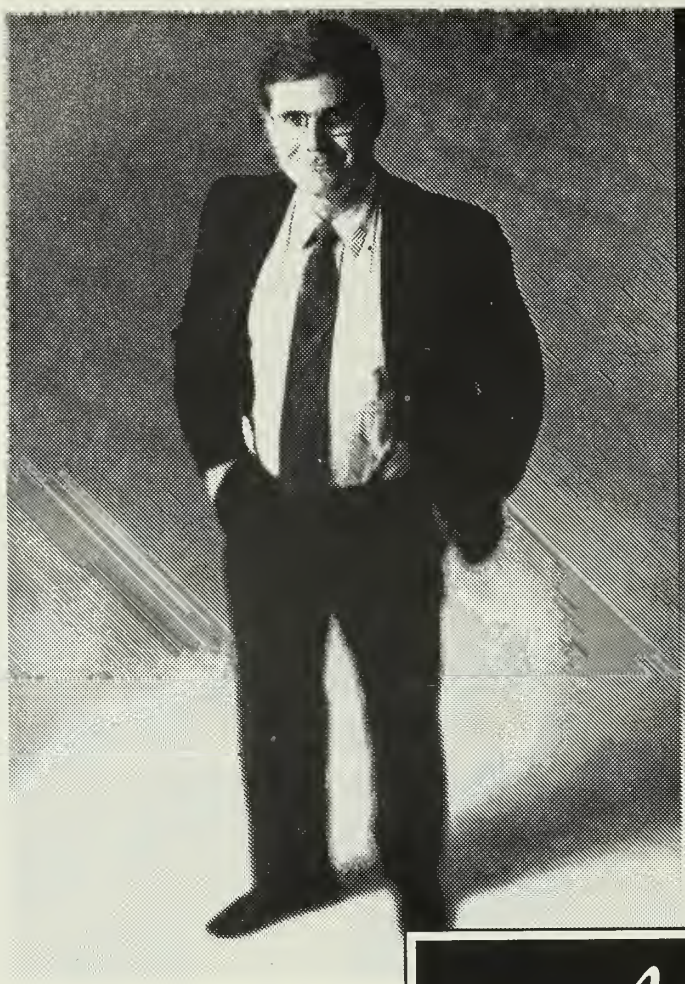

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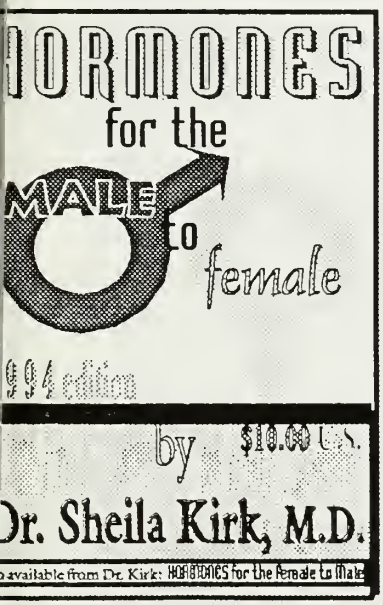

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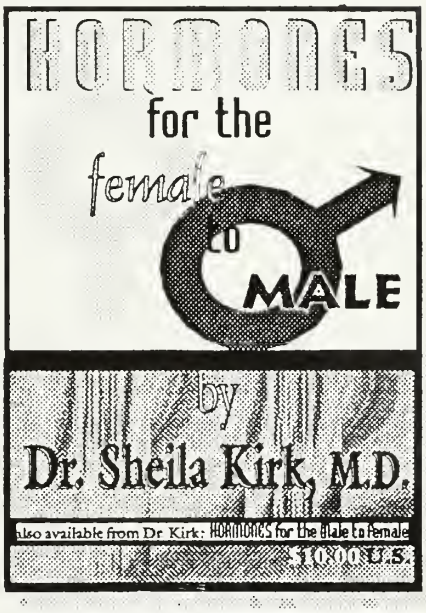

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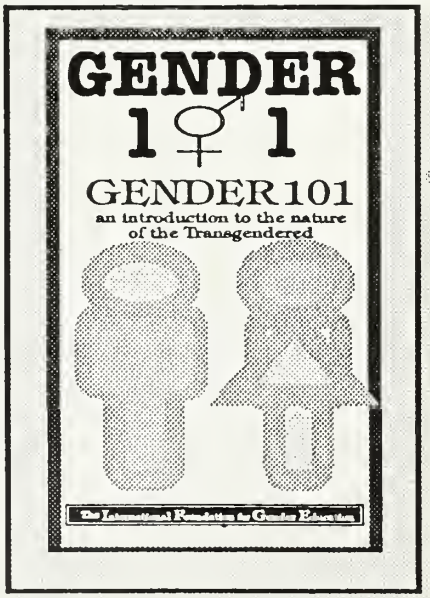

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